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MEMORIAL RECORD.

HON. DANIEL F. GOODRICH, deceased, was a native of the State of Maine, born November 13, 1836; he received his education in the common schools and at Waterville Academy and Waterville College, now Colby University, where he graduated in 1859. After his graduation he engaged in teaching and in the study of the law, in the latter of which he was directed by Hon. R. Foster, of Waterville, Maine.

In July, 1862, he enlisted in the military service of the United States, and was ordered South with his regiment. He enlisted as a private, but was rapidly promoted first to Sergeant, then Sergeant Major, Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant, and for a time commanded the company. He was in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, and Petersburg again, and Sailor's Creek. He was in twenty-two battles all told, besides skirmishes. He served until the close of the war. He was a loyal, brave and active soldier.

After his discharge from the service he returned home in 1865, and was admitted to the bar in March, 1866, at Augusta, Maine, and went into practice with Mr. Foster, then of that city, for a short time. In 1867 he came to Minnesota and located in Rice county for some months, engaged in teaching school. Then he came to this county, in 1868, and located at Blue Earth City, where he engaged in the practice of law. Here he resided until the time of his death. He held various minor offices at Blue Earth City, was Justice of the Peace three or four terms, and Deputy Register, as above stated. Mr. Goodrich was elected State Senator in 1877, and attended the session of 1878. He was again elected to the Senate in 1882, for four years, and attended the sessions of 1883 and 1885, and he was again elected in 1886, for four years, and attended the sessions of 1887 and 1889. He was chairman of the Judiciary Committee during the session of 1889.

Mr. Goodrich was a well read, trustworthy and conscientious lawyer. After a protracted illness, he died, at Blue Earth City, in September, 1889. He was never married.

HON. HENRY M. HUNTINGTON, of Winnebago City, is one of the early settlers and large land-owners of Faribault county.

He is a native of Yates county, New York, born in 1835, and belongs to an old New England family that was founded in Norwich, Connecticut, in 1635. His parents were James and Cynthia Huntington, the former born in Connecticut and the latter in New York State. Henry M. grew to manhood on his father's farm, and received his primary education in the common schools, supplementing it by a few years' attendance at Starkey Seminary. On attaining his majority, he decided to seek a home and fortune in the then young and growing West, and in 1856 visited Iowa and a number of other States, and the following year came to Faribault county, Minnesota, and pre-empted 160 acres of land on section 6, Verona township, and at once began to develop and improve the land. He continued thus employed until August, 1862, when he enlisted in Company D, Sixth Regiment of Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, participating in all the engagements in which his regiment took part, and being mustered out in September, 1865.

After his return from Southern battlefields, he resumed his agricultural pursuits and continued his residence here until 1879, when he went back to his native State, and remained until 1892, since which time he has resided in Winnebago City, looking after his landed interests and dealing in real estate.

Mr. Huntington was formerly Republican in politics, but since the close of the civil war he has not favored the trade policy of that party, and has supported the Democracy. In 1872 he was elected to the State Legislature, serving one term, and has held various local offices. He devotes much time to reading and keeps himself well posted on the public questions of the day.

CAPTAIN EDWARD F. WADE, real-estate dealer, Fairmont, Minnesota, is one of the most enterprising and public-spirited men of the town, and some personal mention of him is appropriate in this work.

Hon. David Wade, the Captain's father, was born in New Jersey in 1808, son of David Wheeler Wade, who was of English descent. Hon. David Wade was married in New Jersey to Miss Joanna Wade, also a native of that State, and they remained there until about 1855 or '66, when they emigrated with their family to Rock county, Wisconsin. In the fall of 1862 they moved to Trempealeau county, same State, and there passed the residue of their lives and died. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom grew to maturity. Six are now living, namely: William T., of Sumner, Iowa, is married and has two children; Julia E. Dunning, of Primghar, Iowa, has one child; Sarah Y. Meeker, Sumner, Iowa, has two sons; Robert H., Jackson county, Minnesota, is married and has three sons; Stephen O., Trempealeau, Wisconsin, has a wife and a son and daughter; and Edward F. is the immediate subject of this review. The names of the deceased are Rebecca P. Winans, Hannah A. Crane and David W. While residents of New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. Wade were members of the Presbyterian Church, but after coming West they united with the Congregational Church, in which they remained consistent members

until the time of their death. He was a Deacon in both churches. By trade he was a harnessmaker. Politically he was a Whig in early life and later was a Republican, always taking an active interest in public affairs. He was elected to and served as a member of the New Jersey State Legislature.

The subject of our sketch was born in Essex county, New Jersey, February 28, 1839, and was fifteen years of age at the time he moved with his parents to Wisconsin. In his native State and in Wisconsin his education was received. After he became a man he went with an emigrant party to Trempealeau county, Wisconsin, and there bought a tract of wild land, settling upon it and devoting his time to its cultivation and improvement.

Mr. Wade was married in April, 1860, to Amelia A. Sherwood, a native of Pennsylvania, daughter of A. L. and Philena (Parsons) Sherwood. She was born December 28, 1839, came West with her parents when she was small, and was educated in Wisconsin. Her father was a teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Wade are the parents of eleven children, brief record of whom is as follows: Mary E., wife of Elmore Houghtaling, Fairmont, has five children; Frank E., who married Georgiana St. John, and has two children, resides in Sheldon, Iowa; Bert C., Ottumwa, Iowa, married Ella Staughton, and they have two children; David S., unmarried; Dewey W., Winona, Minnesota, is bookkeeper for a Dakota grain company; Arthur L., at home; Carrie A., a teacher; Edith M., a clerk in Fairmont; Minnie T. and Myrtle T. (twins); and Julia I., at home.

After his marriage Mr. Wade lived on his farm until August, 1862, when he enlisted in Company C, Thirtieth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He was detailed as clerk in the office of the Assistant Provost Marshal General, at Madison, Wisconsin, where he remained during the winter of 1862–3. The following spring he was detailed as clerk in the Headquarter Department of the Northwest, under General Pope, continuing as such until January, 1865. At that time he received a conditional commission as Second Lieutenant, to raise a company. He went to La Crosse, Wisconsin, raised a company of eighty-eight men, and was made its Captain. This was Company K and was attached to the Forty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. They went to Athens, Alabama, and were put on patrol duty. In May, 1865, Captain Wade was detailed to serve on a military commission at Huntsville, Alabama, by order of Major General Thomas, and served as such until the last of September, 1865, when he was mustered out and came home to his family.

Before he reached home Captain Wade was elected a County Commissioner of Trempealeau county, and he served as such one year. Then he was elected County Treasurer, which office he filled four years, and after that served one year as Under Sheriff. In 1872 he came to Minnesota and took a homestead claim in Cedar township, Martin county, where he made his home until 1878. That year he moved to Cedarville and opened a general store. In 1880 he was elected County Commissioner of Martin county, and served as such two years, being chairman of the Board one year. In the fall of 1881 he was elected Clerk of the District Court, and in the fall of the following year moved to Fairmont, where he has since resided. For nine consecutive years he filled the office of Clerk of the Court. He has also served in various

minor offices: since 1886 has been a Justice of the Peace; has filled the offices of Assessor and Supervisor, and is now Town Clerk. He has always been deeply interested in educational matters, and for six years served on the School Board of Fairmont, being a member of the same at the time the present school building was erected. When he was only twenty-one he was Constable and Overseer of Highways in Wisconsin. At the expiration of his term as Clerk of the Court, Captain Wade gave his attention to the real-estate and insurance business, in which he is still engaged. He is secretary of the Fairmont Building & Loan Association. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and has always been an active worker in the same. He is a member of Phil Kearney Post, No. 18, G. A. R., of which he was Commander three years and Adjutant a number of years. He is also identified with the Masonic order, blue lodge and chapter. He is a member of the Church of Christ (Scientist), being Clerk of the same.

JOHN THOMPSON SWEARINGEN is identified with the official interests of Martin county, having for more than seven years served as County Register of Deeds. His long continuance in this office certainly indicates fidelity to duty and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. He has resided in Martin county since the age of eight years; hence many of his supporters have known him from boyhood and are familiar with his straightforward upright life which makes him worthy of the honors conferred upon him.

Mr. Swearingen is a native of De Witt county, Illinois, born on the 14th of October, 1854. The name was originally spelled Van Swearingen. Members of the family emigrated from Holland to the New World in Colonial days. The grandfather of our subject, John B. Swearingen, was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, on the 25th of July, 1803, and made farming his life work. In 1828 he removed with his family to Adams county, Ohio, and, after one year, went to Vermillion county, Illinois, casting his lot with its early settlers. His son James, the father of J. T., was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, July 25, 1824, and was a child of only four summers at the time of the removal to the Buckeye State. He was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life in Illinois and was married in De Witt county, that State, March 19, 1846, to Miss Eliza A. Crum, a daughter of Peter Crum, one of the pioneers of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen began their domestic life upon a farm, and there the mother passed away on the 26th of March, 1855, leaving three children, of whom our subject is the youngest. After the death of his first wife, the father was again married, his second union being with Mariette Freer. The wedding took place November 16, 1862, and they have one daughter, Jessie L.

Mr. Swearingen, of whom we write, was brought to Minnesota when a child of only two years, the family settling in Blue Earth county in 1857. Four years later they came to Martin county, and he here attended his first school. In 1862, during the New Ulm massacre, many of the settlers left their homes, and the Swearingen family among the rest. With his father John remained until nineteen years of age, and during that time spent one year in the printing office of the Fairmont Chain. At the age of nineteen he went to Dodge county, this State,

and served a regular three-years apprenticeship in the office of the Dodge County Republican, learning the business in all its details and becoming a proficient workman. Going to Blue Earth City, he was there employed as a printer and as Deputy Postmaster, and in 1879 returned to Fairmont. Entering upon a somewhat different line of business he became a salesman in a general store, and was also Deputy Postmaster for a period of two years. In the month of August, 1885, he embarked in business for himself, —purchasing the Fairmont News, an independent paper, of which he was editor and proprietor until August, 1887, when he sold out, having conducted the paper just two years.

In the month of September of the same year Mr. Swearingen entered upon his official career, being appointed Register of Deeds for Martin county by the Board of County Commissioners to fill a vacancy caused by the death of J. B. Frazier. So well did he discharge the duties of that office that when his time expired he was nominated by the Republican party for a regular term, and triumphantly elected, not only in that year, but also for four successive terms, —1888, 1890, 1892 and 1894. He is now serving in the fourth regular term, and only commendatory words are heard concerning his administration of affairs. In a summary of his life we note a strict and unswerving attention to the matter in hand, whether it be business or pleasure, and this has done much toward winning him success. He is also systematic and painstaking, and his fidelity to duty is manifested by the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens, who without exception respect and esteem him.

On the 3d of November, 1880, Mr. Swearingen was joined in wedlock with Miss Kate A. Crooker, a native of Minnesota, born June 25, 1858, and a daughter of Simeon F. and Sarah F. Crooker. They have four children, three sons and a daughter,—Lea R., Ray E., Nina M., and Fred H.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Swearingen has been a stalwart supporter of the principles of the Republican party and does all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. In connection with the office before mentioned he has served both as City Clerk and Assessor. In his social relations, he is connected with the Odd Fellows Society, being a charter member of Fairmont Lodge No. 70, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed most of the chairs, and a member of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the same fraternity.

HON. REUBEN MORGAN WARD, deceased.—Martin county has had no more prominent citizen than the gentleman whose name begins this review. He was a leader in business, social, church and political circles, and his name is inseparably connected with the history of this community. He was one of the founders of Fairmont, which owes much of her prosperity, advancement and material progress to him, and the entire county is indebted to him for her growth and promotion. His friends were as numerous as his acquaintances, and they were many; and to them and his family we dedicate this sketch, hoping that we may pay a slight tribute to the memory of him so deserving of honor.

A native of New York, Mr. Ward was born in Conewango, Cattaraugus county, May 6, 1832; was a son of Luke and Charlotte (Morgan) Ward, both of whom were

natives of the Empire State. The Ward family is probably of Irish and English lineage, and the Morgan family were pioneer settlers of Cattaraugus county. The father of our subject was a farmer by occupation, and in his family were six children—two sons and four daughters—all of whom reached years of maturity.

Reuben M. Ward, the oldest son and third child, was reared in the county of his nativity, upon the old homestead, acquiring his education in the common schools and in the Randolph Academy. Having attained to man's estate he was married, on the 3d of March, 1857, to Miss Mary S. Conroe, who was born in the town of Bryant, Erie county, New York, on the 26th of January, 1837. Her paternal grandparents were natives of Germany, and her father, Solomon Conroe, was a native of the Empire State. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Nancy Coding, was a native of Connecticut and a daughter of Liscom Coding, who was born in the same State, and in an early day removed to New York, where he carried on agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Conroe were married in New York and located on a farm, although he was a mason by trade and was engaged in that business in Fredonia. He died in Cattaraugus county, at the age of seventy-eight; and his wife, who survived him some years, passed away at the advanced age of eighty-three. In their family were thirteen children, nine of whom grew to man and womanhood, Mrs. Ward being the twelfth child, and the only one who became a resident of Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward celebrated their marriage in Cattaraugus county and located upon a farm which they made their home for about eight years; in 1864 they sought a home in the West. Severing their business connection in New York, they bade adieu to friends and emigrated to Minnesota, settling in Fairmont, Martin county, which at that time was composed of only a few rude shanties temporarily erected. The land around was all wild and unimproved, and the county gave little evidence of the growth and advancement which would soon transform it into one of the rich regions and leading counties of the State. Mr. Ward built the first dwelling and store in the place, and was the first permanent merchant of the frontier town, establishing a general merchandise business which constantly grew in volume and importance until the little establishment, suited to the needs of a pioneer region, was one of the largest general stores in the Northwest. He formed a partnership with Mr. A. D. Cadwell, which was terminated only by the death of Mr. Ward, after which time Mrs. Ward served as vice-president of the company during the remainder of her life. The business methods followed brought success. Systematic and careful management, earnest application and unflagging industry, supplemented the small capital which Mr. Ward brought with him to the West, and at length made him one of the substantial citizens of the county. For many years he was recognized as the leading business man of Fairmont,—a reputation well deserved.

With other interests that promoted the welfare of Fairmont Mr. Ward was prominently associated. He erected some twenty substantial residences, and did not withhold his support from any enterprise calculated to benefit the community. He was also well known in business circles in Chicago as well as in his adopted county, and made two trips to that city each year in the interest of his affairs here.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ward were born four

A. Ward.

Mrs. A. L. Laird.

children, a son and three daughters, namely: Bertha A., the eldest, born March 20, 1859, became the wife of J. D. Young, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and they have four children, Catherine, Mary, Frederick C. and John W. Emma B., born July 7, 1862, is the wife of Bert W. Day, editor of the Hutchinson Leader, of Hutchinson, Minnesota, and they have three children,—Leona, Ward and Majel. Beecher H., born December 16, 1867, married Lillian Mills, of Mankato, and with their daughter, Fannie Lenore, they reside in Fairmont, where he is engaged in the lumber business. Dena I., born October 24, 1874, is the wife of D. G. Henneberry, who was formerly engaged in the machine business in Fairmont and was also manager of the Martin County Democrat and the Martin County Zeitung of Fairmont, but is now living retired. The family has taken a very important part in public affairs and its representatives hold an enviable position in social circles.

Mr. Ward gave his earnest support to the Republican party and stanchly advocated its principles. He served as County Commissioner, and in November, 1882, was elected to the State Senate, representing the district composed of Jackson and Martin counties. He never sought political preferment,—in fact did not wish office, and with him it was a case of the position seeking the man, instead of the more common way of to-day, when the man seeks the office. It is needless to say that he proved a wise legislator and careful consideration and calm judgment influenced his ballot on all questions.

Mr. Ward affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and in 1873 was elected as Secretary of Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64, A. F. and A. M., in which capacity he served until the time of his death. In religious belief he was a Congregationalist,—a prominent member and very active worker in the society at Fairmont. He united with the church in 1871, became Trustee and Deacon, and in all possible ways aided in the advancement of the cause of Christianity. He made no great pretensions, but all recognized his fidelity to his faith, and honored him therefor. In April, 1891, he went to Chicago on a business trip and died in the Palmer House, of that city, on the 9th of April. This sad event caused the deepest grief throughout the community. He was honored as a business man, respected as a legislator and loved by family and friends, but no one felt more keenly his loss, besides his wife and children, than the poor and needy, who gave him their deep gratitude for many kind and benevolent acts performed in a quiet, unostentatious manner, that called no attention to himself but brought happiness to the recipient. His family still resides in Fairmont, and the noble lady, who for so many years traveled life's journey by the side of her honored husband, was called to her reward January 27, 1895.

ALBERT LUKE WARD needs no special introduction to the readers of this volume, but the work would be incomplete without the record of his life. No man in Martin county has been more prominently identified with the commercial and political history of the community or has taken a more active part in its upbuilding and progress. His support has ever been cheerfully given to those enterprises that tend to public development, and with hardly an exception he has been connected with every interest that has pro-

moted the general welfare. His name is a synonym of honorable business dealing, he is always mentioned as one of the invaluable citizens of the State, and on the roll of Martin county's most honored pioneers his name should be found among the foremost.

Mr. Ward was born in Conewango, Cattaraugus county, New York, January 14, 1843, and is the fifth in a family of six children, whose parents were Luke and Charlotte (Morgan) Ward. He was reared in his native town, attended its common schools and was afterward graduated at Randolph Academy, now the Chamberlin Institute, in the class of 1860. His mind and inclination tended toward the study of jurisprudence, and in the same year he entered the law office of Hon. C. B. Green, under whom he pursued his studies for two years.

Mr. Ward was a close student of the signs of the times and had watched with interest the attitude of the South prior to and during the early progress of the war of the Rebellion. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union service, becoming a member of Company B, and was afterward transferred to Company I, of the One Hundred and Twelfth New York Volunteer Infantry, in which he faithfully served until the spring of 1863, when on account of physical disability he was honorably discharged.

Mr. Ward then returned to his home in Cattaraugus county, New York, and entered the law office of Judge Henderson, of Randolph, where he pursued his studies for one year, being admitted to the bar in the winter of 1863-4. In 1864 he emigrated to Minnesota and homesteaded land on section 9, Fairmont township, now within the city limits, on which he has since continued to reside. About six months after his arrival he embarked in general merchandising in Fairmont, becoming the pioneer merchant of this now thriving city. The following year his brother Reuben, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work, came to Fairmont, and was admitted into partnership in the mercantile business under the firm name of A. L. & R. M. Ward. This connection continued for three years, when Mr. Ward of this notice sold his interest to A. D. Cadwell, the firm becoming Ward & Cadwell, and the business is still carried on under the name of Ward & Cadwell Company.

On withdrawing from the mercantile business Mr. Ward devoted his active energies to agricultural pursuits, to the practice of law and to the real-estate business. In 1874 he sold out his interest in the law business to his partner, H. M. Blaisdell, and entered the banking business, establishing the Martin County Bank, and he was elected its president, which position he has filled continuously since in a most acceptable manner. This is one of the conservative and solid financial institutions of the county, and its success is due entirely to the able management and careful methods of him who has so long been at its head.

In connection with Mr. Ward's banking business he is the largest landholder in Martin county, his possessions aggregating from six to seven thousand acres. The farm on which he lives comprises 3,000 acres, 800 acres of which lies within the corporation limits of Fairmont, and 1,200 acres of the farm is operated under his personal supervision. He has it well stocked with a large number of horses, 300 head of cattle, and on the other farms he also has about 300 cattle. He was one of the founders of the firm of J. V. Kline & Company, dealers in live stock, and he

raises only good grades of animals. Mr. Ward is one of the men who have done much to make farming the honored calling it is to-day, and to do away with the old mistaken idea that the farmers are not the equals of the men of other pursuits and professions in intelligence and business ability. In 1885 he established what is known as the Ward Machine Company, and in 1886 opened branch offices in Welcome and Sherburne, Martin county, of which he was sole proprietor until 1892, when the business was incorporated. The capital and surplus of the company amounts to $40,000, and he owns all of the stock, save shares to the value of $500. He is the heaviest stockholder in the Fairmont Elevator Company, is president of the Martin County Democrat Publishing Company, which publishes the Martin County Democrat and the Martin County Zeitung, and owns all of its stock save $100. He is the president of the Jackson County State Bank of Lakefield, Minnesota, capitalized at $25,000, is the president and principal stockholder of the Sherburne State Bank of Sherburne, Minnesota, and a member of the law firm of Ward, Dunn & Ward. The last named company has a large share of the legal practice of this section of the State, its members being men whose standing in the profession is among the foremost. Our subject is a man of multitudinous and varied interests but to the matter in hand he always gives his close and undivided attention, and this characteristic has been an important factor in his excellent success.

In 1873 Mr. Ward was united in marriage with Miss Charlotte Jennings, a native of New York and a most estimable lady whose culture, refinement and natural graces of character have made her a social favorite as well as the light of her husband's home. Their union has been blessed with four children, as follows: May is now the wife of U. J. Piffner, of Fairmont; De Forest, a graduate of the Fairmont High School and of the law department of the University of Minnesota, is now a member of the law firm of Ward, Dunn & Ward; Charlotte and Lydia, who complete the family, are still with their parents. The Ward household is noted for its hospitality, and the members of the family hold a high position in social circles where true worth and intelligence, and not wealth alone, are received as the passports into good society.

In his political views Mr. Ward has long been a Democrat, and though his life has been devoted to so many business interests he has yet found time to faithfully discharge his duties of citizenship and to serve his fellow townsmen in a number of offices. He was County Attorney of Martin county for six years, was County Auditor and Register of Deeds, Superintendent of Schools and Postmaster of Fairmont under Presidents Lincoln, Grant and Cleveland, and was one of the Commissioners representing Minnesota at the World's Fair held in Chicago in 1893.

Above we have given an outline of the career of Mr. Ward, but the details and minor incidents which go to make up much of the real life of an individual have been but slightly touched upon. To the many friends who know him well, mention of the subject would seem almost superfluous, but as this volume will be read and treasured in future generations, we wish to speak of his pleasant, genial manner, his strict integrity and his almost blameless life. It is not the men that occupy seats in the council chambers of the nation that have made this great Repub-

lic. They have borne their part, and an important part, but their labors would have been almost worthless had it not been for the sustaining and supporting influences of the true and loyal citizens at home, who give their time and attention to business and to the building up of the respective communities in which they reside. Thus it is that Mr. Ward has played his part in the drama of events that go to make up the nation's history. In the affairs of life he has been conservative, but progressive. His laudable ambition has been tempered by sagacity and coolness, his enterprise by a steadying perseverance; and an excellent legal knowledge has guided him in all things. He is free from ostentation and dislikes great display, but it is certainly just to say in his praise that no man has done more for Martin county and its interests than Albert Luke Ward.

J. D. STANTON was for many years a leading representative of the agricultural interests of Faribault county, and is now living a retired life in Blue Earth City, enjoying the rest which he has so truly earned and richly deserves. It is eminently consistent that he should find representation in this volume, and with pleasure we present to our readers this record of his life, recognizing the fact that it will prove of interest to many.

A native of Montgomery county, New York, where he was born on the 17th of August, 1815, Mr. Stanton is descended from stanch old Revolutionary stock, his ancestors having been heroes in the war for independence. The Stanton family was founded in America in 1632 and became quite prominent in the history of New England. The grandfather of our subject, Nathan Stanton, Sr., was born in Connecticut, December 10, 1749, and served as Orderly Sergeant of a company of minute-men during the Revolution, and was also at White Plains, New York, with General Washington. When the traitor, Benedict Arnold, after the burning of the town of New London, Connecticut, led his forces across the Thames river, and brought about the infamous massacre at Fort Griswold, Nathan Stanton was Orderly of a company of 300 minute-men, and he escapedby mere accident, three members of the family being victims of said massacre, namely: Captain Amos, Phineas and Daniel. His son, Nathan Stanton, Jr., was born on the 24th of July, 1779, in Stonington, New London county, Connecticut, where he wedded Mary Denison, who also was a native of Stonington, and the daughter of Peleg Denison, who came of an old New England family that was founded in the New World in 1632. Their marriage was celebrated June 11, 1804, and they became the parents of three children,—two sons and a daughter, all of whom reached maturity, though our subject is now the only survivor. Benjamin F., who was honored in the granting to him, by Governor James D. Doty, of a commission as Captain of the Wisconsin militia, died in April, 1892, at the age of eighty years; and Mary, wife of John Blood, of Amsterdam, New York, died at the old homestead in the same room where her birth occurred seventy-four years previous. The parents were married in their native State. He served as Captain of a militia company, and in his political views was an old-line Whig. Both he and his wife adhered to the faith of the Presbyterian Church and lived honorable, upright lives, leaving to their family an

untarnished name. The father died April 4, 1838, at the age of fifty-nine, and the mother was called to eternal rest in December, 1846, when sixty-four years of age.

In taking up the life record of Mr. Stanton we present to our readers the biography of one who is both widely and favorably known throughout Faribault county. His youth was passed on his father's farm, and his education was acquired in the common schools. Within the year following his father's death the old homestead was sold, and in 1840 Mr. Stanton, then a young man of twenty-five years, emigrated to the West. He believed that on the broad prairies of the Mississippi valley he would have better opportunities than in the older and more thickly settled States of the East, and accordingly took up his residence in the State of Wisconsin. He traveled by the way of the Erie canal to Buffalo, where he boarded the vessel Great Western, bound for Milwaukee. Going to White Water he secured near there a tract of 160 acres of Government land, but in 1846 left that farm and removed to Columbia county, where, associated with his brother, he secured and operated 800 acres of land. There he carried on agricultural pursuits for twenty years, and was known as one of the leading and influential citizens of the community, being honored with a number of local offices of trust.

In the year 1867 Mr. Stanton came to Faribault county, Minnesota, where he purchased large tracts of land, including a quarter-section which he bought of Archie Morris and which he made his home during the time that he followed farming here. He placed his land under a high state of cultivation, transforming the wild prairie into rich and fertile fields, and making upon the homestead valuable and substantial improvements, which stood as monuments to the thrift and enterprise of the owner. At length he decided to lay aside business cares, and removed to Blue Earth City, where he has since made his home. He yet owns 240 acres of arable land, and the fine farm yields to him a good income.

In the year 1839 Mr. Stanton was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth De Graf, a native of Amsterdam, Montgomery county, New York, and a daughter of John De Graf, who was of Holland descent. They became the parents of seven children: Daniel, a resident of Faribault county; Samuel, who is living in Pipestone county, Minnesota; Caroline, wife of B. S. Mills, of Winona, Minnesota; Charlotte, wife of C. C. Goodnow, of Pipestone county; Harriet, wife of John McCoy, of Faribault county; Mary, who became the wife of James Craig, and died January 10, 1879; and Emma, a teacher in the public schools. The five daughters were all teachers of recognized ability in this and surrounding counties. Two sons went forth in the defence of the Union at the time of the late war, Daniel serving as a member of the Forty-second Wisconsin Regiment, and Samuel as a member of the Thirty-sixth Regiment. The latter enlisted when only sixteen years of age and served until the close of the war. He was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor by a ball which struck him in the right foot, but remained at the front until the old flag waved over a conquered South.

Mr. Stanton lost his first wife in 1863, and in Lowell, Dodge county, Wisconsin, on the 22d of September of the same year, he was joined in wedlock with Jane M. Clifford, a native of Berkshire, Tioga county, New York, and a daughter of James and Harriet

(Walter) Clifford, who removed from Massachusetts to New York and thence to Wisconsin. The mother died at the age of thirty-four years, after which the father was again married.

In early life Mr. Stanton was a supporter of the Whig party, but when the Republican party sprung into existence he joined its ranks and supported it by his ballot until 1892, when he voted the Populist ticket. Both he and his wife hold membership with the Presbyterian Church and contribute liberally to its support. In his business dealings his well directed efforts and industry won him the prosperity which now enables him to lay aside business cares and live retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. His life has been a long and useful one, and he has gained the high regard of many friends, with whom we join in wishing that many years may yet elapse ere he shall be called to his fathers.

WASHINGTON PERRY HILL.—Martin county has no more efficient or trustworthy official than this gentleman, who since 1888 has served as Sheriff. His frequent re-election is a high testimonial to his fidelity, the people manifesting by their votes their confidence in him, and all speak of his management of the affairs of the office in terms of highest praise. His many friends will receive with interest this record of his life, we feel assured, and therefore gladly give it a place in this volume.

Mr. Hill was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, on the 8th of March, 1849, and is of Scotch and Irish lineage. His paternal grandfather, William Hill, was a native of the North of Ireland, and when a young man crossed the Atlantic to America, taking up his residence in the Keystone State. The maternal grandfather, John Cummings, was born in Scotland, and also came to the New World in his younger years. In Pennsylvania was born James Hill, the father of W. P., and in the usual manner of farmer lads of that day and section, he was reared and educated, following agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life. He married Sarah Cummings, who was born and spent her maidenhood days in Pennsylvania, and in the State of their nativity they resided until 1865, which year witnessed their arrival in Martin county, Minnesota. They first located in Fairmont, but afterward went to Burt county, Nebraska, where the mother departed this life, at the age of sixty-six years. The father subsequently returned to Fairmont and spent his last days in this place, passing away at the ripe old age of seventy-four. To Mr. and Mrs. Hill were born a family of nine children, of whom four are yet living,—Summerville, who makes his home in Fairmont; W. P., of this sketch; Hannah M., wife of John Driscoll, of Craig, Nebraska; Lucinda J., wife of Nort Bardwell, a resident of Tekamah, Nebraska.

Mr. Hill, of this sketch, the third in order of birth in the family, was reared in the Keystone State and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. He remained at home with his parents until after the breaking out of the late war, when, prompted by patriotic impulses, he responded to the country's call for troops and was assigned to Company D, Fifty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was only fifteen years of age at the time of his enlistment, but the Union cause had no more true or loyal defender than the boy who left home and offered his services, and if need be his

life, for the preservation of the country. He served until the close of the war and received an honorable discharge, July 6, 1865, in Washington, District of Columbia.

In 1864, while in the service, Mr. Hill secured a claim to a quarter section of land in Rolling Green township, a part of which he broke in 1866, locating on it the following year. Later he sold out and bought a farm in Rutland township. He engaged in farming until 1874, when he left the farm and went to the eastern part of the State, and worked at his trade, of painter, for three years, and returned to this county, and has since been a resident of Fairmont. In 1876 he sold his farm to the county and it is now used as the county farm.

Mr. Hill has been twice married. In 1878 he was joined in wedlock with Lina Older, a native of New York, and to them was born one child, now deceased. The mother passed away in 1879, and for his second wife our subject chose Miss Mattie Swanson, a native of Rice county, Minnesota, by whom he has two sons, Edward H. and Clarence R.

Since attaining his majority, Mr. Hill has been a supporter of the Republican party. Even before he had attained the age when the right of franchise is granted man, he cast his vote for Abraham Lincoln, being at that time in the army, all soldiers being allowed to vote. Of Republican principles, he is a warm and earnest advocate and does all that he consistently can to promote the interests and insure the success of his party. In the year 1888 he was elected to the office of County Sheriff, and has served in that position continuously since. He was again elected in 1894, so that he will be the incumbent up to 1897. He takes quite an active interest in civic societies, and is a member in good standing of several organizations. He belongs to Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., Fairmont Chapter, No. 50, R. A. M., and to Appollo Commandery, No. 12, of Albert Lea, Minnesota. He also holds a membership in the Fairmont Lodge, A. O. U. W., and is a comrade in Phil. Kearny Post, G. A. R., in which he has passed all the chairs.

ANDREW OATHOUD, Huntley, Minnesota, one of the pioneer farmers of Verona township, Faribault county, landing here in the year 1863, has been identified with this place ever since; and of his life we make biographical mention as follows:

Andrew Oathoud was born in New York State July 11, 1826, son of Alexander and Belinda (Sykes) Oathoud, both natives of the Empire State and representatives of families who settled there at an early period in its history. The Oathouds trace their ancestry back to Holland. Some members of the family were in the Revolutionary war, and the father of our subject was a soldier in the war of 1812. In 1852 Alexander Oathoud and his family came west to Columbia county, Wisconsin, and settled eighteen miles south of Portage, on the old stage road between Portage and Madison. They continued to reside there until 1863, when they came further west and settled in Verona township, Faribault county, Minnesota. Here the father took claim to a tract of land, and here he passed the closing years of his life and died at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. His wife lived to a still greater age, she being ninety-two at the time of her death, which occurred in Man-

kato, Minnesota. This worthy couple were the parents of ten children, viz.: Augustus, Clarissa, Charlotte, Andrew, Alexander, Caroline, Amos, Addison, Almiram and George. The father was engaged in farming nearly all his life, and for some time also carried on merchandising. In politics, he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. He and his wife belonged to the Baptist Church in early life, but later united with the Protestant Methodists.

The subject of our sketch, Andrew Oathoud, was reared on a farm in New York and received his education in that State. He was with the rest of the family when they located in Columbia county, Wisconsin, in 1852, and came with them in 1863 to his present location. He owns eighty acres of land on section 32, Verona township; has a nice frame residence, good barn, four-acre grove, orchard, and various other improvements; and here he is successfully carrying on farming operations.

Mr. Oathoud has been twice married. When he was twenty-three he wedded, in New York, Miss Rebecca Coats, daughter of Martin and Cyntha Coats. Her parents died in New York. Mrs. Rebecca Oathoud was a most estimable woman fn every respect,—a devoted wife and loving mother. She passed away in 1877, leaving a family of seven children, namely: Adelbert, Deloris, Martin, Sarah, Frank, Adason, and George. February 14, 1882, Mr. Oathoud married Miss Mary Nelson, a native of Chautauqua county, New York, and a daughter of George and Sarah (Wakefield) Nelson. Mrs. Nelson was a cousin of ex-Governor Wakefield of Blue Earth City, Minnesota. Mr. Nelson died in Faribault county, at the age of seventy-six years. Mrs. Oathoud is the youngest of a family of thirteen children, the others being as follows: Jane, Orrilla, George, Victoria, Naomi, John, Albert, Alexander, Sarah, James, Harvey and Georgiann. Two of her brothers, Alexander and Albert, were in the Union army during the late war. By his second marriage Mr. Oathoud has two children, Andrew Morton and Veron Augustus.

Although nearing the close of his three-score years and ten, Mr. Oathoud shows that Time has dealt gently with him, and appears much younger than he is. He is a Deacon of the Verona Freewill Baptist Church, and votes with the Republican party. He has served as Township Supervisor and for twelve years has been a member of the School Board.

GEORGE BARTLEY SWEARINGEN, a farmer of section 4, Rolling Green township, Martin county, is a son of I. G. and Lorain (Allen) Swearingen, of Fairmont, this county. The mother taught the first school in Martin county. Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen were the parents of two children,—George B., our subject; and Lena, widow of Irving Crissinger.

George B. Swearingen was born in Silver Lake township, Martin county, October 27, 1864. He remained on his father's farm until 1887, when he found employment in the office of the Fairmont News. In 1890 he located on the farm he now owns, which consists of 111 acres, all under a fine state of cultivation. In his political relations, Mr. Swearingen affiliates with the Republican party, and has served as Treasurer of District No. 66. Socially, he is a member of the A. O. U. W.

July 24, 1888, our subject was united in

M. S. Armstrong

Mrs. M. K. Armstrong.

marriage with Miss Lottie M. Canright, born in Martin county July 24, 1868, a daughter of J. E. Canright, of Fairmont. She received her education in this county, and taught school six terms before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen have three children,—Warren Alfred, Helen Irene, and an infant daughter. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairmont, and Mr. Swearingen is an active worker in the Sunday-school.

HON. MOSES KIMBALL ARMSTRONG.—It affords us great pleasure to present to our readers the life record of this gentleman, knowing how gladly it will be received and how eagerly perused; yet we enter upon our task with reluctance caused by the fear that we may not do justice to one so deserving of honorable mention. He is a man not of St. James, or even of Minnesota, but a man of the nation, and largely through his efforts the great Northwest, with its vast resources and advantages, has been opened up to civilization. With a devotion and self-sacrifice that is seldom equaled, he has given the greater part of his time and energies to a work that has made this region of our county a habitable place, and his labors can never be requited; but we can hold him in grateful remembrance for what he has done and tell to our children the story of his true heroism that they may honor him even though "the place that has known him shall know him no more."

Moses K. Armstrong was born in Milan, Erie county, Ohio, September 19, 1832, and comes of an old New England family of Scotch-American origin. The grandfather, Augustus Armstrong, was born in Connecticut and spent his entire life in that State, engaging on a whaling vessel. He lost his life by being dragged overboard into the sea while harpooning a whale. The father of Moses K. also bore the name of Augustus, and he, too, was a native of the Nutmeg State; was reared in Stonington, was a farmer by occupation, and in his early life served as Captain of the militia in northern Ohio. During his pioneer days he settled in Erie county, Ohio, and improved one of the first farms within its borders. He married Phoebe Higbee, who was born and reared in the same locality as her husband, and like him was of Scotch lineage. They became the parents of five sons and three daughters, and with the exception of one, who died in infancy, all reached years of maturity. The father died at the age of seventy years, and the mother was called to the home beyond in the sixty-seventh year of her age. Thomsa H. Armstrong, one of the sons, has been Lieutenant-Governor of Minnesota, and another son, Augustus, was United States Marshal of the State.

M. K. Armstrong was educated in Huron Institute and in the Western Reserve College of Ohio, and held high rank as a mathematician. When only eighteen years of age, he moved westward and engaged in the land surveys of northern Iowa. From that time up to the present he has been identified with the wonderful development of the Northwest, and his life on the frontier has been such as try men's souls. He necessarily became a man of wide influence, but, instead of using his power for self-aggrandizement or personal advancement, he has practically given his life for others, in after years, with an unselfishness deserving of all commendation.

After two years spent in Iowa he came to

Minnesota, then a Territory, wild and unimproved, and surveyed much of the land in the southern aud western part of the State. In 1856 he was elected Surveyor of Mower county, and while traveling with chain and compass through pioneer localities he gathered material and wrote a history of the community. He was one of the delegates to the first Democratic State convention held in Minnesota, which nominated General Sibley as Minnesota's first State Governor. The first Surveyor-General appointed him as one of his deputies and assigned to him the survey of Government land in southwestern Minnesota, and in 1858 he surveyed into sections the land of the county in which he now makes his home—Watonwan. His friend, D. Bearup, a New York investor, in Watonwan county securities, writing to him concerning this county, said: "But what is a still greater source of gratification is that as a pioneer in Watonwan county you have watched it and sustained it in its tottering infancy and have done much to put it safely and firmly upon its feet. This is an achievement that few men could accomplish, and still fewer would so far divest themselves of selfishness as to accomplish it if they could. Watonwan county is making its material for history. In that history you cannot be a mere incident, but it will have to be very largely based on you to be history at all; and it is a great pleasure to us to believe that the patriotism, generosity and faith which you have devoted to the struggling settlers will be gratefully remembered long after you have left the scene."

When Dakota was made a Territory separate from Minnesota, Mr. Armstrong made his way into that unorganized region and surveyed some of the first claims and town sites for the new settlers on the land which the Yankton Indians had just ceded to the United States in Southern Dakota. He was a member of the first Territorial Legislature of Dakota on its organization in 1861, was re-elected for a second term and became Speaker of the House when Dakota embraced, besides the territory included in North and South Dakota, also the Territories of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. For many years following he was prominent in public life, but whether in office or out he was always laboring for the development and advancement of the Northwest. The Northern Pacific Railroad, which has become the national highway of this region, was established by a company which numbered him among the incorporators by act of Congress in 1862.

During the war Mr. Armstrong was a supporter of the Democracy and edited the Dakota Union in the interest of that party. In 1864 he was appointed Clerk of the Supreme Court of Dakota, and the following year was elected Treasurer of the Territory. He was sent as a Senator to the Legislature, where he served as presiding officer in 1867, and in 1870 he was elected by the Democrats of the Territory as a delegate to Congress. He gave his first term's salary for the purchase of a printing-press with which was founded the Dakota Herald, the first prominent Democratic newspaper in the Territory, and to-day the oldest party organ in the State. In 1872 he was again elected to Congress, and in 1874 was nominated for a third term but declined to become a candidate. No man has done more effective service for the Northwest in the halls of Congress, and through his labors and devotion he forwarded the interests of this section in a way that has brought material

prosperity and rapid progress to a region that is now becoming a power in the country. While a member of the Forty-third Congress he secured an appropriation of $33,000 to reimburse the Dakota volunteers in the Indian war of 1862. The following extract from his speech before the house on that bill is taken from the Congressional Record, and will be read with interest:

"If there is any class of American citizens, Mr. Speaker, who are entitled to the same regard from Congress that is bestowed upon the soldiers who fought the battles of our country, it is the hardy pioneers of the West, who ventured into the wilds defying danger, subduing the plains, establishing villages and planting upon the confines of the public domain the beacon lights of progress and civilization. Rude cabin homes, uncultured lands, bridgeless streams, uncertain mails, isolated schools, distant markets and Indian dangers are few of the many troubles encountered by the early pioneers of our great West. And what grand results have they accomplished since the early settlement of Dakota! Sir, they have maintained the outposts of frontier civilization while harassed by Indians in their fields, at their homes and on the highways; they have, by steady and increasing industry overcome their disasters, and are fast becoming a producing and prosperous people. They have subdued the plains, opened farms and public thoroughfares, established schools and churches, founded most beautiful villages and organized flourishing counties. They have built railroads and telegraph lines and constructed bridges and steam ferries; they have established depots of trade and induced steamboats of traffic to the navigable rivers of the great Territory. In fact they have converted the wild plains into blossoming grain fields and happy homes. What people, I ask, Sir, has done more or deserved better from the hands of Congress?"

One of the most important acts in the life of Mr. Armstrong is his negotiation with the Indians in securing the lands belonging to the Sioux tribe. He was fitted for this work by his study of the habits, customs and beliefs of the red men, and knew how to deal advantageously with them. He lived through the attacks which were made on the settlers by the treacherous savage, and his able pen has given to the world a graphic account of those trying times. He acted as recording secretary for the Indian Peace Commission in 1867 and visited every tribe of Sioux Indians on the Missouri river as far north as the Yellowstone country. He was the first man to frame a bill and introduce it in Congress, in 1871, whereby the Secretary of the Interior should have the authority to treat with the Sioux Indians and purchase from them their rights to the Black Hills country. He knew, no one better, of the vast resources, the mineral wealth, the climatic advantages, the fine agricultural districts of the region over which the Indians had control, and through his instrumentality this valuable and desirable region was finally secured to civilization.

Up to 1870 Mr. Armstrong had each year been engaged in the United States land surveys, and had established most of the meridian and standard lines in southern Dakota and on the Red River of the North. While thus engaged he discovered an error in the old international boundary post near Pembina, and by its correction added several thousand acres of land to the American domain, including the Hudson's Bay Trading Post. He was afterward selected to execute for the Government the difficult re-sur-

vey of the State boundary of Nebraska near Sioux City, Iowa, where the Missouri river had cut a large island into the State from the Dakota border. In 1875 he took charge of the survey of the Cuthead Indian reservation on the south shore of Devil's lake.

A paper published in Fort Pierre, the capital of South Dakota, speaks of the recent changing, by the Legislature, of the name of Pyatt county to Armstrong county, in honor of Moses K. Armstrong, and then gives an extended notice concerning his history of Dakota, which we insert entire: "But the work which gives Mr. Armstrong the strongest claim to the esteem and gratitude of Dakotans is his history of Dakota, published in 1866. One may suppose that Dakota could not have had much history up to that date, but a perusal of Armstrong's book will show that the history of Dakota reaches back to the earlier years of the present century, when Napoleon sold to the Government of the United States the Territory of Louisiana, in which the Dakotas were included. Lewis and Clarke's expedition in 1804 was the beginning of Dakota's history, and starting from that exploration Mr. Armstrong gleans a valuable harvest of historical material. Bonneville's adventures in 1832 also contribute much that is interesting and profitable, particularly concerning the Bad Lands region, all of which Dakota's first historian uses to the best advantage. The book recites the various preliminary as well as the later and successful steps taken to secure a cession of the lands to the United States Government preparatory to organizing the Territory, the earliest settlements and the names of the pioneers. It also continues the record up to the time when the political government of the Territory is firmly established, officers appointed and the law-making bodies installed. All the difficult historical work of the Territory has been thoroughly performed by the author, and subsequent historians have but to build upon this broad and safe foundation."

Mr. Armstrong, while in Congress, also received from the Government a charter for the first national bank established in the Territory once embraced within Dakota's boundaries and was afterward made its president, the bank being located at Yankton. In 1876 he was appointed by the Governor of Dakota to prepare and deliver at Philadelphia the Centennial address on the resources of the Territory, which afterward appeared in pamphlet form, having been published by the Lippincott Publishing Company. In 1877 he began to concentrate his business affairs which before had been scattered over a wide range, and the following year, being appointed railroad land agent, he removed to St. James, where he established what is known as the Old Bank, which has a capital stock of $150,000, and of which he is sole proprietor and manager. He is now practically retired from public life and is devoting himself to private business interests. Since his arrival in Watonwan county, however, he has served for two years as County Treasurer—1881–2, and is now serving his eleventh term as City Treasurer. He is one of the largest property owners in Watonwan county, and donated the ground for many of the public buildings which adorn St. James. He is an honored life member of the State Historical Society, and one of Minnesota's charming lakes bears the name of Lake Armstrong. The domestic relations of Mr. Armstrong have been most pleasant. He was happily married in 1872 to a most estimable lady, Martha Bordeno, who was

born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1833, and is a daughter of Antoine and Victoria Bordeno, who were of French descent. Friends and neighbors hold them in the highest regard for their many acts of kind generosity, and the circle of their friends is limited only by the circle of their acquaintance.

With almost every line of enterprise and industry that tends to development and progress, Mr. Armstrong has been prominently identified. He was instrumental in the establishment of the early railroad system of the Northwest; the aid of Congress in securing the wealth and privileges to a race that could utilize them was advanced by him; and in procuring wise legislation he has played a conspicuous part, and the Northwest is truly his debtor. A life well spent, a talent well used, deserves the reward that ever comes to the just and honorable. We cannot better close this review than with words spoken of him by one who has known him long and intimately, John F. Meagher, who is president of the National Citizens' Bank of Mankato, Minnesota. He says, "I glory in the man, who, after a long business career, surrounded by continuous vicissitudes and those of the kind that try men's souls, when such a man can stand erect and look all men in the face and say honestly before God, I have done you no wrong. What more could any man do to deserve the crown? Such I believe your life to be. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant!'"

COLONEL J. W. POLLEYS, of Wells, is one of the well-known and prominent men of the place. He was born near Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 11, 1826, a son of Abner Polleys, a native of the same place, whose father also was named Abner. Both the father and grandfather mentioned were hotel-men most of their lives. They came of a long line of American ancestors, some of whom are mentioned in Longfellow's poems. Mr. Polleys' mother, Jane, was the daughter of William Dickey, of an old, prominent family of Scotch ancestry. In 1852 the parents of our subject moved to Dodge county, Wisconsin, where they died, on the same day, after a short illness, the father past sixty years of age, and the mother about fifty-one years old. They had seven sons and seven daughters, namely: John, David, William, J. W. (subject of this sketch), Abner, Ephraim, Thomas (a soldier and a member of the Sixth Wisconsin Infantry in the last war, in which he was killed, in front of Petersburg), Lucy, Johanna, Jemima, Martha, Emma (a teacher), Jane, and a babe, deceased. The parents were reared as Scotch Presbyterians.

Colonel Polleys was brought up in Nova Scotia, receiving a good education, which has since been greatly enhanced by travel and experience. In 1847 he settled on the St. Croix river, just within the United States, where he followed lumbering. In 1850 he removed to Portage, Wisconsin, and later to Appleton, same State, on Fox river. May 10, 1851, he located on a claim six miles northeast of La Crosse, being a pioneer there. In 1852 he was elected Sheriff of La Crosse county, which then comprised what is now embraced within six counties, those besides the present La Crosse being Monroe, Trempealeau, Jackson, Clark and Buffalo. In the office of Sheriff he served in all about eleven years. His first prisoner he took to State prison all the way by team. Altogether he took 102 men to that institu-

tion. Jeremiah Rusk was Sheriff of an adjoining county, and he and many other prominent citizens were friends of Mr. Polleys in those days.

During the last war Colonel Polleys raised Company D of the Fourteenth Wisconsin Infantry, of which he was elected Captain and subsequently, for gallant conduct, was promoted to the rank of Major, and finally to that of Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment, which body of energetic patriots made a brilliant record. Breaking camp at Fond du Lac, it was ordered to St. Louis, Missouri, and then to the assistance of the Army of the Tennessee, under General Grant, as a part of which army it was engaged in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Iuka, siege of Vicksburg, and was with General Rosecrans in his attack on Knoxville. After a furlough it was with General A. J. Smith's command, to assist General Banks on the Red river expedition, was with General Sturgis at Guntown, and went up White river after the retreat of Generals Price and Marmaduke, with the intention of capturing the latter. Returning, they proceeded by way of Nashville to Fort Fisher. On one occasion the Colonel received a blister in the back of the neck from the concussion of a ball, and on another a severe wound in the leg from a minie ball. He was also injured in the ribs and sciatic nerves, from which he never recovered.

After the close of the war he returned to La Crosse, and was again elected Sheriff of that county. In his political principles he was a Democrat, and as a candidate for Sheriff he received 233 majority where Washburn, the Republican candidate for Governor of the State, received a majority of 800.

In 1871 he came to Wells, taking charge of the Clark-Thompson estate, comprising several thousand acres of land, and this he has been administering for the last twenty-four years, with credit to himself and the best interests of all parties concerned. He has been President of the village of Wells.

The Colonel was initiated into the mystic science of Freemasonry at La Crosse. At the age of twenty-two, at Milton, Maine, he married Margaret Hough, a native of New Brunswick, and they have three children living, namely: Ada, wife of Emery Ladue, of Wells; Frances, now Mrs. F. A. Watson, who is president of the Wells Bank; and Mona, now Mrs. John E. Green, of Fargo, North Dakota. Mrs. Polleys, the faithful wife and mother, departed this life January 28, 1892. She was an amiable woman, and her loss is keenly felt by all who knew her.

Colonel Polleys is a gentleman of intelligence and is broad and progressive in his views, and very affable and companionable. He has seen much of this world, and has had the wisdom to discipline himself with the experiences and opportunities of life, which statement cannot be made concerning many men.

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, proprietor of the Winnebago City Bank, is a native of Washington county, New York, born in 1834, son of Archibald and Nancy (Donaldson) Armstrong, both natives of the Empire State.

The branch of the Armstrong family of which our subject is a member, was founded in the United States by Archibald Armstrong, who was born in North Britain, Brunswickshire, Scotland, September, 1757. In his native country, December 30, 1786,

he married Alison Puryes, and emigrated to America in 1795. Their family consisted of two daughters and three sons, namely: Elizabeth, born May 31, 1791; Margaret, December 28, 1793; John, January 26, 1797; Archibald, February 19, 1800; and George, July 14, 1802. The mother of this family died June 2, 1835, aged seventy-five years. Her husband survived her several years, and passed away December 26, 1843, in the eighty-seventh year of his age.

Archibald Armstrong, the father of the gentleman whose name heads this article, was a farmer by occupation. By his union with Nancy Donaldson, he had a family of nine children, viz.: Jane E. Mack, Archibald, Mrs. Alice Robertson, Mrs. Christina McFarland, Mrs. Martha H. Reid, Mrs. Mary Veridge, Mrs. Margaret McCollum, Mrs. Isabel Edie, and John A. With the exception of the last named, all are residents of Washington county, New York. The parents were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, in which society they wielded an influence for good. The father died in 1860, and the mother survived until 1887, when she, too, passed away.

John A. Armstrong was reared on a farm in his native county and received a good common-school education. In early life he engaged to some extent in mercantile business, and in 1857 came West, locating in the city of Owatonna, Minnesota, where he spent two years engaged in the drug and grocery business. He then returned to the East and was engaged in mercantile business in Washington county, New York, for two years, after which he returned to Owatonna. In the spring of 1861 Mr. Armstrong was in New York city, buying goods for his store in Minnesota, when the first gun was fired on Fort Sumter. After resuming business in Owatonna, he continued in that city, doing a successful trade until 1868, when he sold out.

While a resident of Owatonna, Mr. Armstrong was active in promoting the material advancement and prosperity of the place, and erected a number of fine buildings. He built the block formerly occupied by the First National Bank, also a beautiful residence where Pillsbury Hall now stands. In real estate he dealt somewhat largely, and in his various business ventures was successful.

In 1870 he came to Winnebago City, Faribault county, and opened a hardware store, in connection with which he did a banking business. A few years later he sold out the hardware and gave his entire attention to the banking business, and in 1877 erected his present neat bank building. This was the first bank established in the place, and the conservative business methods of its proprietor made it one of the solid financial institutions of the county, and won for it a liberal patronage.. Since coming to Winnebago City, he has taken an active interest in public improvements, and owns one of the finest residences in the village. He is a trustee of Parker College, and has been its treasurer since it was founded, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Public-spirited and generous, he is one of the most enterprising and prominent men in Faribault county, and is widely and favorably known throughout southern Minnesota.

Mr. Armstrong was married in 1859 to Miss Carrie Carl, of Washington county, New York. She died in June, 1874, at Winnebago City, leaving two sons, viz.: James C., a resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a traveling salesman for the Chicago White

Lead & Oil Company; and George C., who is accountant and assistant cashier in his father's bank. In December, 1875, Mr. Armstrong married Miss Frances, daughter of C. B. and Ellen (Platt) Miner, of Winnebago City. By this union he has one son, J. Archibald, who is the fourth generation in direct descent bearing the name of Archibald.

CHARLES OTIS TRUE is a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Martin county and now makes his home on section 36, Westford township. He is the youngest child of Simeon S. True, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. His birth occurred July 26, 1838, in Center Harbor, New Hampshire, and he was there reared until eighteen years of age. His early education, acquired in the common schools, was supplemented by study in Kendall Academy of Manchester, New Hampshire, and at the age of eighteen he started out in life for himself, learning the machinist's trade and building locomotives in the Amoskeag Machine Shops. He applied himself assiduously to his work and soon mastered the business in all its details.

True to the Union, with patriotic impulses aroused, Mr. True responded to the President's call for volunteers to aid in crushing out the Rebellion, and in 1862 became a member of Company I, Twelfth New Hampshire Infantry; but his lungs were affected and he was rejected before he was mustered into the service. He then returned to his home and engaged in the butchering business at Lowell, Massachusetts, until 1864. At that time he again enlisted, becoming a member of Company B, First Battalion of Massachusetts Cavalry, which was afterward consolidated with four companies from New York and four from Vermont, under the name of the Twenty-sixth New York Cavalry. These troops were encamped at Reedville, Massachusetts, then sent to guard the Canadian frontier, and afterward guarded the city of Ogdensburg, New York, until the close of the war. They were constantly on the move with the Seventh United States Infantry under Colonel Jackson, and Mr. True wore the blue until July 16, 1865, when, hostilities having ceased, he was mustered out. When he entered the service the second time the troops were encamped before the old Concord battle-ground of the Revolution. He emulated those honored warriors in his bravery and fidelity to duty and brought no dishonor to the worthy name he bears.

When the war was over our subject was again engaged in business for a short time in Lowell, Massachusetts, and in 1868 he came to Martin county, purchasing a farm to which he removed his family the following year, having since made it his home. He here has 240 acres of rich and arable land, upon which he has placed all the improvements, and, neat and thrifty in appearance, the farm is one of the best in the neighborhood. In connection with general farming Mr. True makes a specialty of stock-raising and keeps on hand only good grades of cattle, horses and hogs.

On the 8th of January, 1861, Mr. True united in marriage with Sarah A. Page, a native of Lowell, Massachusetts, born December 12, 1841, and a daughter of James Y. and Mary A. (Cambridge) Page. Her father was born in Deerfield, New Hampshire, in 1816, and was a son of Edward Page, who belonged to an old New England

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family of English origin. Her maternal grandparents, Charles and Anna (Langdell) Cambridge, were natives of Boston, Massachusetts, and Mount Vernon, New Hampshire, respectively, and the former was an officer in the State militia and served in the war of 1812. His business was that of steel engraver. Mr. Page died in 1872, and his wife, who was born in 1821, is still surviving. They had but two children—Mrs. True, and Henry J., the latter now a resident of Deerfield, New Hampshire.

To Mr. and Mrs. True have been born four children: Jay W., who married Mary E. Bottomly, by whom he has one child, and resides in Mankato, Minnesota; Fred O., Sturdevant P. and Leila H. The children have all been provided with excellent school privileges. Jay W. and Fred O. were graduated at the State Normal School of Mankato in the class of 1891, and the latter has since completed a course in Mankato business college. Sturdevant is now attending a business college and Leila is pursuing her studies in the schools of Faribault. Thus the children have been well fitted for the practical and responsible duties of life, and in the social circles in which they move they hold a high position.

Mr. True has been a member of Mechanics Lodge, No. 11, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Lowell, Massachusetts, since 1865.

He is an honored comrade of Phil Kearny Post, G. A. R,. and in his political views is a Democrat, having supported that party since attaining his majority. As every loyal American citizen should do, he takes a warm interest in political affairs and keeps himself well informed on the issues of the day. When called to public office he has discharged his duties in a most prompt and able manner, winning the confidence and commendation of all concerned. He has been Chairman of the Town Board of Supervisors for many years, two months after his arrival in Martin county was elected Justice of the Peace and has filled that position continuously since. By Gen. Grant he was appointed Postmaster of Westford, a position which he filled for nineteen consecutive years. No man is more faithful to a trust reposed in him or is more deserving the confidence given him or the esteem in which he is held than the subject of this review. His life has been well and worthily passed, and in his business dealing he has won the success which now numbers him among the substantial farmers of this section of Minnesota.

HON. ALEXANDER FIDDES is one of the most favorably known citizens of Jackson county, Minnesota. Until recently he has engaged in the hardware business in the town of Jackson, and was recognized as one of the leading merchants of that place, but now he is living retired, enjoying the rest which is the fitting reward of a long life of useful labor. He has been a conspicious figure in the upbuilding and development of this locality, and in the history of the community he well deserves honorable mention.

A native of Scotland, Mr. Fiddes was born in Campsie, Sterlingshire, March 15, 1840, and his parents, James and Jessie (Nisbit) Fiddes, were natives of the same locality. The son resided in the village of his birth until sixteen years of age, attending the public schools and assisting his father in various employments. He then severed home ties and made his way to

Glasgow, since which time he has been entirely dependent upon his own resources. He served a five-years apprenticeship to the trade of engineer, and then went to sea as an engineer on a steamship. For four years he cruised among the East India islands, went to India, then to Rangoon in Burmah, and during the war between England and Abyssinia he was engaged in conveying troops and dispatches between India and Abyssinia, being in the latter country during the bombardment of Magdala and at the time of the capture of King Theodore. He was for three years chief engineer for the Bombay and Bengal Steamship Company, which sold the vessel on which he was serving to the Persians with the condition attached that Mr. Fiddes was to remain with the ship for six months. On the expiration of that period he left the ship at Bagdad on the river Euphrates. He had spent some seven years in a seafaring life, and in going from Bagdad to Bombay, he proceeded thence up the Red Sea to Suez and crossed the desert to Alexandria. Taking ship he then went down the Mediterranean sea, to Marseilles, thence to Paris and London, and on to his home in Campsie, Scotland.

On reaching the place of his nativity Mr. Fiddes learned that two of his brothers had emigrated to Canada, and he, too, determining to try his fortune in the New World, crossed the Atlantic to the English dominions on this continent. He did not tarry long in Canada, however, and in 1869 came to Jackson county, Minnesota. He located in the village of Jackson, then an unpretentious place, and in the fall of he same year another important event in his life also occurred. He was married on the 16th of September, the lady of his choice being Miss Agnes Hunter, daughter of James and Agnes (Cook) Hunter, natives of Scotland. Mrs. Fiddes was born in Perthshire, Scotland, and by her marriage has become the mother of the following children: Jessie Nisbit, the wife of A. B. Cheadle, cashier of the State Bank; James Hunter, who occupies the position as stenographer and collector for the News-Tribune of Duluth; John Stirling, David Hunter and Alexander Torrance. Their home is a pleasant and comfortable dwelling, standing in the suburbs of the town, and the grounds comprise a tract of five acres, and are all well laid out and of attractive appearance.

On settling in Jackson Mr. Fiddes embarked in general merchandising in company with his wife's brother, J. W. Hunter, and the partnership continued until the fall of 1872, when by mutual consent it was dissolved and Mr. Fiddes opened a hardware establishment, which he carried on until his retirement from active business life a short time since. In his dealings he was ever honorable and upright and had the confidence and regard of all with whom he was brought in contact.

Mr. Fiddes is one of the valued citizens of Jackson county. No man in the community has taken a more prominent place in general matters than has he. He has interested himself heartily in all matters pertaining to the building up of his village and of the entire county, and has rendered valuable aid in the affairs of local government. In the fall of 1877 he was elected to the State Legislature from his district, and was again chosen for that office in 1884. On both occasions he served his constituents with a fidelity and promptness which won him high commendation. He was elected

Treasurer of the School Board in 1871, and with the exception of some two years has held that office continuously since. He was President of the Village Council four years, Postmaster from 1877 to 1885, and again from 1889 to 1893. Of Republican principles he is a stanch advocate, one of the party leaders in this locality, and at this writing, in the spring of 1895, is a member of the Republican State Central Committee.

Mr. Fiddes was made a Mason in Renfrew, Scotland, in June, 1865, in Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 426, and during the ensuing autumn he was elected Junior Warden of the lodge. Shortly after that he left for the East Indies. After coming to America he joined Fairmont Royal Arch Chapter, No. 50, at Fairmont, Minnesota. He received the Knight Templar degrees at Mankato, in the Mankato Commandery, No. 4, and in February, 1893, the Shrine degrees, in Osman Temple, at St. Paul. On the organization of Good Faith Lodge, No. 90, at Jackson, he was elected its first Senior Warden. After the first year he was elected its Worshipful Master, which office he held for ten years. For two years he was Senior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. He has attended the Grand Lodge for more than twenty years. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W., of Jackson Lodge, No. 49, and was its first Past Master. He is a leader,—a leader in political, commercial, social circles,—merit and fidelity winning him this well deserved prominence. He is a gentleman of the highest character, possessed of a wide knowledge of men and the world, and his varied experiences, gained in his travels, has made him a most interesting converser. When Mr. Fiddes left home and started out in life for himself he had no capital save that with which nature endowed him. He possesses an energetic, determined disposition and resolved to win success,—a resolution which he has carried out. He has now considerable property, including a fine brick store building and an excellent farm of over 400 acres, one and a half miles from the town, and under a high state of cultivation. All this is a monument to his thrift and enterprise, a substantial memorial to a well-spent life.

JOHN KREMER is familiar with pioneer life in its various phases. He has seen the Indians on the frontier; and wild game of all kinds, native in this section in an early day, has found its place upon his table, brought down by his unerring rifle. He has witnessed the transformation of the wild lands into beautiful homes and farms, towns and villages have sprung up, and primitive improvements have given place to all those of modern civilization. In the work of advancement and progress he has ever borne his part, and for many years was recognized as a leading representative of the farming interests of Faribault county and Blue Earth City.

Mr. Kremer is now living retired, enjoying a well earned rest. He was born near the beautiful city of Metz in Lorraine, France, November 29, 1842, and is the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters, whose parents were John and Elizabeth (Gouvion) Kremer. During his early youth he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America and the greater part of his education was acquired during the residence of the family in Alden, Erie county, New York. He was eight years of age at the time of the arrival there, and in 1855, with the family,

he went to Wisconsin. At the age of fourteen he found himself in Faribault county and entered upon a life of usefulness. To his father he gave the benefit of his services, and was of great assistance to him until, feeling his country's call the strongest that came to him, he laid aside plow and harrow for the musket and marched forth to the defense of the Union. At Fort Snelling, Minnesota, he enlisted as a member of Company E, Second Minnesota Regiment, joining the army on the 15th of February, 1864. From there the company went to Mankato, Minnesota, where he continued until May, when it was ordered to Fort Ridgely, Minnesota, and thence sent to do frontier service. They were detailed in squads over a section of the country, and Mr. Kremer was stationed at Pipe Lake, Minnesota. The members of the company carried mail from Fort Ridgely to Sauk Center, a distance of over a hundred miles. There our subject remained until the 15th of November of the same year, when the cavalry was relieved by infantry troops, and the regiment with which Mr. Kremer was connected was ordered to Sauk Center, Minnesota, continuing at that place until March, 1865, doing general guard duty. At the last mentioned date the company was ordered to march to Fort Ripley, and two weeks later returned to Fort Ridgely, upon receiving information of the Indian uprising. During the summer Mr. Kremer was detailed to drive a commissary train, and subsequently, in June, 1865, was assigned for guard duty at Fort Ridgely and sent with several head of cattle to Fort Wadsworth.

This company was formed of six members of Company E, with several half-breed scouts. In the fall of 1865 the company was ordered to Fort Snelling, where, on the 22d of November, 1865, he was honorably discharged. His duty was arduous, and had not the excitement of battle to spur him on, but he was ever faithful to his duty and the cause which he had pledged himself to serve.

Mr. Kremer at once returned to Minnesota and resumed farming, which he made his life-work, continuing this until he had acquired a sufficient capital to enable him to live retired.

On the 3d day of November, 1874, Mr. Kremer was united in the holy bonds of matrimony, in Danville, by the Rev. Father Weissler, to Miss Mary Barbara Mosser, daughter of Caspas and Mary (Lavengood) Mosser. Her parents were pioneer settlers of this section of the State, having arrived in Mankato, Minnesota, May 10, 1857, at which time the town contained but three small buildings. An uncle, George Mosser, had previously emigrated to the West and located a claim which adjoins the Kremer farm. In his log cabin lived the parents of Mrs. Kremer and their six daughters until their own log house, 18 x 24 feet, was erected. Mr. Mosser passed away at the age of fifty-five years, and the mother died January 6, 1885, being laid by the side of her husband in the burying-ground of St. John's Church, where a monument has been erected to their memory. Five children survive them, the eldest of whom is Mrs. Kremer; Frances became the wife of Jacob Hosher, a farmer residing in Danville township, and her death occurred on the 1st of May, 1886; Josephine is the wife of Joe Hanley, a farmer residing on the old Mosser homestead; Rosa is the wife of Armor Eschbach, an agriculturist of Washington; Teressa is the wife of Edgar Stevenson, a depot agent at Long Prairie, Minnesota; and Lena is the wife of Charley Koonze, a dealer in

furniture and machinery in Long Prairie, Minnesota.

Mrs. Kremer was born in Buffalo, New York, September 2, 1848, and first met her husband in Alden, New York, where lived her grandfather, Joseph Lavengood. Since that time the Mosser and Kremer families have usually lived near each other, and our subject now owns the homestead farms of both in this locality. To our subject and his wife have been born six children, four sons and two daughters, and four of the number are yet living: William J., who for several years was in the employ of the Great Northern Railroad Company, is now at home; Helena Rosina, familiarly known to her friends as Lena, attends the public schools of Minnesota Lake and is quite proficient in instrumental music; Martin E. and Charley Ott are at home; Frank O. died at the age of four months; and Ida Theresse died at the age of seven years and two months. Of kind and generous impulses, Mr. and Mrs. Kremer gave a home to an adopted son, Andrew Petrock, who became a member of the family at the age of nine and is still living with them, at the age of twenty-four. He is an engineer in the employ of Mr. Apley, and owns a steam thresher, which he operates during harvest season.

For eleven years Mr. Kremer filled the office of Constable, and no higher testimonial of his ability could be given than the fact of his long continuance in office. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and has since been identified with the Democracy. He is a charter member of Minnesota Lake Post, No. 77, G. A. R., and has served as Senior Vice Commander. The family is connected with the Catholic Church. The life of Mr. Kremer is in many respects well worthy of emulation. In business dealings he is ever straightforward and honorable, and in social relations he is a genial, pleasant gentleman of kindly disposition and worthy of the high esteem in which he is held. He has managed his affairs successfully and by well-directed efforts and perseverance he has acquired a handsome competence, so that he is now living retired in Minnesota Lake, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

JULIUS KIESTER, a farmer of section 20, Rutland township, was born in Prussia, Germany, July 12, 1855, a son of Charles Kiester, born in the same place January 19, 1818. The latter followed agricultural pursuits in the old country. Julius received his education in Germany and at Janesville, Wisconsin, coming to this country in 1866, and studied telegraphy in the Business College of Janesville, and for some time attended the Business College of Davenport, Iowa. He next spent three years in Pinkerton's detective force, under Allen Pinkerton, in the American and European secret service. After his marriage he was employed as section foreman and assistant road-master on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for eleven years. Mr. Kiester then sold his farm of eighty-six acres in Proviso township, Cook county, Illinois, for $350 per acre, and in 1890 purchased his place of 345 acres in Rutland township, Martin county, Minnesota, and he also owns 200 acres of well improved land in Fraser township, and 160 acres in Rolling Green township, same county.

Our subject was married in 1880, to Lena Seegers, born in Proviso, Cook county, Illinois. To this union have been born five

children—Eddie, Julius, Minnie, Adolph and Malinda. The family are members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church at Fairmont. Mr. Kiester is actively identified with the Republican party. He was appointed Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in 1893; he was elected to the same position in the following year, and has been a member of the School Board of District No. 11.

R. S. JACKSON, Postmaster of Fairmont, Martin county, was born in New York, September 2, 1844. In 1845 he located in Wisconsin, and in 1882 came to Fairmont, Martin county, Minnesota, where he was appointed Postmaster March 17, 1894. Mr. Jackson spent four years as clerk in the hardware store of Houghtaling & Coults, was with Ward & Cadwell for a time, and served sixteen months as clerk under Postmasters Bullard and A. L. Ward.

In 1863 our subject enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company D, Thirty-ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He is now a member of Phil Cummins Post, G. A. R., Fairmont, and of the Masonic order, Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64.

GEORGE WOHLHETER, secretary and treasurer of the Ward & Cadwell Company, dealers in general merchandise, Fairmont, Minnesota, is one of the enterprising business men of the town.

The members of this firm were originally R. M. Ward, now deceased, and A. D. Cadwell. They were among the pioneer merchants of Fairmont, began business here long before the days of railroads, and for years hauled their goods with teams from St. Paul. From a small beginning the establishment has grown until now it is one of large proportions. The firm has been incorporated since 1884. Its success is largely due to its efficient secretary and treasurer, and we take pleasure in presenting the following sketch of his life in this work.

George Wohlheter was born near Strasburg, France, now a province of Germany, the date of his birth being October 8, 1854. His father, Philip Wohlheter, was also a native of that province, and was by occupation a farmer. He emigrated to America in 1867, and settled in Freeborn county, Minnesota, being one of its earliest pioneers. He is now eighty-eight years of age, and lives with his youngest daughter, in Martin county. The names of his children are as follows: John, Philip, Fred, Sally, George and Magdalina.

George was educated in French, German and English. He began life a poor boy and had to work out in order to get the means with which to educate himself. When he was twenty-two he entered the employ of the firm with which he has ever since been connected, beginning as bookkeeper. He is now one of the stockholders of the company and has occupied his present position since its incorporation. In addition to his interest here he owns half of a hardware concern at Albert Lea, Minnesota, the business there being conducted under the firm name of J. F. Wohlheter & Company, and he is also vice-president of the Martin County Bank.

Mr. Wohlheter was married in 1879 to Minnie Peton, a native of Germany, who died April 30, 1893, at the age of thirty-three years, leaving him with four children,—Lucy, Carrie, Sadie and Chester,—who are

being educated in both German and English.

Mr. Wohlheter is a member of the Masonic order, blue lodge and chapter, of Fairmont, having served as King in the latter; Apollo Commandery, No. 12, of Albert Lea, in which he has also held official positions; and Osman Temple, Mystic Shrine, St. Paul. He organized the A. O. U. W. of Fairmont and was the first Master Workman of the same. Politically he is a stanch Republican and an active worker in the ranks of his party. For a number of years he has been a member of the City Council, and he has also served on the School Board. Religiously he is identified with the German Evangelical Church.

PERCY WOLLASTON, a prominent banker and leading citizen of Fairmont, Minnesota, is one of the oldest business men in the town. Of his life and ancestry, we take pleasure in presenting the following sketch:

The first trace of the name Wollaston was in 1320, and it was then spelled with two s's. Rev. William Charles Wollaston, the father of our subject, was born in Cambridge, England, in 1795, son of Rev. Charles Hyde and Sarah (Willett Ottley) Wallaston. Rev. Charles Hyde Wollaston was born in 1772, son of Francis Wollaston, LL. D., born in 1731, and Rector of Chiselhurst, England. The latter was a son of Francis Wallaston, born at Charter House Square, London, in 1694, son of William, born at the same place in 1659, son of William, born in 1589. The last named William was a son of Henry, born in 1525. Henry was a citizen of London, and to him, in 1616, was granted a coat of arms. He was a son of Henry Wollaston of Perton, son of William of Trescott Grange, Staffordshire, son of William of Perton. The last named William was probably born in 1450. He was a person of rank in the reign of Henry VIII. The late head of the family was Frederick, Colonel of the Twenty-second Light Dragoons and High Sheriff of the county of Leicestershire.

The mother of Percy Wollaston was before her marriage Miss Charlotte Jane Fawcett. She was born in Leeds, England, daughter of Rev. Richard Fawcett, vicar of Leeds. Her marriage occurred at Leeds in 1817, and they continued to reside there until 1841, when they removed to Norfolk. For twenty-six years Rev. William C. Wollaston was second master of the grammar school at Leeds. He was rector of East Dereham until his death, in 1872. His wife died in 1856. They were the parents of five children: Charles Richard, who was in military service, died in India; William Ottley James, deceased; Charlotte, wife of Dr. Willliam Locke, Ipswich, Suffolk, England; Drewry Ottley, also a resident of Ipswich; and Percy.

Percy Wollaston was born in Leeds, England, December 21, 1825, and received his education there. In 1848 he married Miss Catherine Mossop, a native of Cumberland, England, born in 1826, daughter of Dr. Isaac Mossop. Soon after their marriage they sailed for America, landing at New York November 9th, of that year. After spending a few weeks in that city they went to Charleston, South Carolina, and remained there until the following spring, when they returned to New York, and a few weeks later went to Syracuse, New York, and spent a few months in that city,

and then removed to St. Catherines, Ontario, where for about a year Mr. Wollaston was employed in a flour mill. In 1851 they went back to England.

From 1855 until 1872 he was connected with a shipping business in Liverpool. In 1876 he again came to America, and since that date has been identified with the interests of Fairmont. The year following his arrival here he erected a store on the corner of North avenue and Second street. There were then only five small buildings here. As soon as his building was completed he opened up a stock of general goods, and continued in the mercantile business here till 1891. In 1882 he established the Merchants & Farmers' Bank in Fairmont, of which he is now sole owner, doing a general banking business. Mr. Wollaston was for some years largely interested in farming operations, owning 460 acres of land in Martin county, which he recently sold.

In connection with Mr. Wollaston's business career it should further be stated that he was for some years interested in milling. In 1877 he erected a large flour-mill, operated by a sixty-foot wind wheel, on the site of the present steam flouring-mill, and he ran it from 1877 to 1889, when he sold out.

Mr. and Mrs. Wollaston are the parents of thirteen children and have a large number of grandchildren, their complete family record being as follows: (1) Catherine Agnes, who was born at St. Catherines, Ontario, is the wife of Cecil Sharpe, who resides in Fairmont. Their children are Emily Catherine, Cecil Granville, Constance Irene, Marian Victoria and Dorothy Agnes. (2) William Charles, born in Streatham, England. (3) Charlotte Jane, a native of London, is the wife of Clement Royds. They have eight children, Clement Leopold, Lilian Dorothy, Florence Eleanor, Maurice Thalluson, Gladys Mary, Sybil Gertrude, Dulcibella and Noel Bondy. (4) Percy, born in London, married Alice Mary Ramsdale, and they have four children—Kenneth Percy, Alice Margery, Mary Josephine and Phyllis Byam. (5) Margaret Emily, born at Wellington Road, Liverpool, England, is the wife of Henry W. Sinclair, their children being Agnes Winnifred, Edith Margaret, John Archibald, Katharine Elizabeth, Nora Frances and Mary Beatrice. (6) Francis Henry, born in Liverpool, England, is now a resident of Colorado. (7) George Hyde, born at Wellington Road, Liverpool, married Lilian Maude Ramsdale, and they have five children, Esther Mildred, Charles Hyde, Harriet Lilian, William George Henry and Francis. (8) Richard Fawcett, born at Wellington Road, Liverpool, married Mabel Ann Ramsdel, and their two children are Eleanor Frances and Arthur Launcelot. (9) and (10) Annie and Henrietta, twins, born in the parish of Roby, six miles from Liverpool. Henrietta is the wife of John Alfred Sinclair, and has five children, Harold Percy, Wilfrid, Helen Caroline, Alfred Theodore and Alice Margaret. (11) Frederick, born in the parish of Roby, is unmarried. (12) Lucy Eleanor, born at Roby, is the wife of A. G. T. Broun, of Sherburne, Minnesota. They have two children, Archibald Campbell and Percy Hamilton. (13)Edward Luard, born at Roby, England, is unmarried. All the children were educated in England, and the whole family are members of the Episcopal Church. Indeed, Mr. Wollaston may be termed the father of this church at Fairmont. Their house of worship was erected here in 1876, it being the first church in the town. Since that date he has served as Vestryman.

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Politically Mr. Wollaston is affiliated with the Republican party. He was the first President of the village of Fairmont, and at a later date again filled that office.

HON. JACOB ARMEL KIESTER. The name of this worthy gentleman is inseparably connected with the history of Fairbault county,—with its professional, social and official interests,—and the prominent part which he has played in its upbuilding places him among the county's founders. His reputation is not limited by the bounds of county, but throughout the State he is known and honored.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Kiester was born in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county, April 29, 1832, and on both the paternal and maternal sides is descended from German ancestry, who braved the dangers of an ocean voyage in the early days and sought a home in the American colonies. The families were established in the eastern part of the Keystone State, whence the paternal grandparents, Conrad and Susanna Kiester, removed to western Pennsylvania in their youth, locating in the then frontier region of Westmoreland county. There was born the father of our subject, David Kiester, who was married in 1831 to Miss Lydia Armel, by whom he had two children, Jacob A. and Daniel B. The mother died in 1883, at the age of seventy-one years, and the father passed away in 1888, aged eighty-one. He spent his entire life at Mt. Pleasant and there served as Chief Burgess and Justice of the Peace. He was a man of fine education and extensive reading, always took a deep interest in political matters, was a prominent and consistent church member from his youth until his death and was ever highly respected for his unquestioned integrity and ability.

Jacob A. Kiester's early education was acquired in the common schools and by study in the Mt. Pleasant and Dickinson Colleges of Pennsylvania, where he pursued the usual college course, with the exception of a few studies, although he did not graduate. His business training was received under the instruction of his uncle, Jacob Armel, for whom he was named and with whom he became familiar with mercantile business and with bookkeeping, but his tastes were in the direction of a professional career, and while still in college he commenced the study of law. Removing subsequently to Madison, Indiana, he there continued reading law in the office of Hon. S. C. Stevens, formerly one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the State, and was admitted to the bar in Madison in 1854. Desiring to thoroughly fit himself for the work, not content with a mediocre career, after his return to the State of his nativity he continued his legal studies. His place of residence was changed in 1857. The tide of emigration which was steadily drifting Westward carried him on its waves to Minnesota in the spring of that year. He saw that the West, with its rapidly growing cities, was a good field for the labors of an ambitious young man who had his own way to make in the world, and he cast his lot with Minnesota citizens. He had intended to locate in St. Paul, but the capital removal bill had been passed, removing the capital to St. Peter and he went to that city. The bill, however, proved a failure, and as the prices of real estate in that place were very enormous, he came to the Blue Earth valley.

Blue Earth City, which is now his home, then consisted of a few log cabins, but was situated in the midst of rich lands which he believed would soon be claimed and transformed into one of the most valuable regions of this great State, whose arable prairies are the envy of the world. In this he demonstrated his sagacity and farsightedness, for the anticipated result has come to pass. Blue Earth City has since been his home and with its progress and development he has since been closely identified. He at once opened a law office, being the second attorney in the town, and in April, 1857, he served as the plaintiff's attorney in the first lawsuit instituted and tried in the county, winning the case for his client. Soon his worth and ability were recognized by his fellow-citizens, who manifested their confidence in him by making him County Surveyor, which position he filled two terms. Thus he entered upon an official career which has won him an enviable reputation, a well deserved prominence and the commendation of all concerned. A number of the leading roads of the county to-day were laid out by him, and also the boundary lines of many farms, several additions to Blue Earth City and other works pertaining to his office. In the fall of 1857 he was elected Register of Deeds, the most important county office in those days, and after serving for eight consecutive years refused further honors along that line. In consequence of his incumbency in that office he became also the principal conveyancer for many years in the south half of the county, serving long after he left the office of Register. One of the townships of Faribault county has been named in his honor. The cause of education has ever received his hearty support, and he was for some time officially connected with the schools,—serving for many years as a member of the Board of Education of the Blue Earth City independent school district and acting as President of the board for two years.

In the legislative halls of Minnesota Mr. Kiester has represented his district, being elected to the General Assembly in 1865 and representing a district comprising a large portion of southwestern Minnesota. Not long after he was appointed County Attorney for Faribault county, but resigned before the expiration of his term. In 1869 he was elected Judge of the Probate Court, and was re-elected in 1871, with slight opposition, and thereafter was re-elected for eight terms, by the unanimous vote of the electors, serving in this office for a period of over twenty years. Though so long in office, no appeals were ever taken from his decisions, for their wisdom and justice were always recognized. They were announced after careful and cool deliberation and represented the embodied wisdom attained through years of close, earnest study. Mr. Kiester was elected State Senator in 1890 for four years, and attended the sessions of the Senate in 1891 and 1893, his term of office expiring in 1895. His career, whether in local office, in the legislative halls, or in other positions, is without a stain, and naught is said by any against his strict honesty of purpose and high moral worth.

In 1859 was celebrated the marriage of Judge Kiester and Miss Caroline Billings, daughter of Levi Billings, one of the early settlers of Faribault county. To them have been born six children, five of whom are yet living,—Charles C., May F., Grace L., Oliver A. and Gertrude.

Judge Kiester was made a Mason in 1859

and was Worshipful Master of the Blue Earth City Lodge, No. 57, in 1876 and 1877. He was mainly instrumental in securing for this lodge the largest Masonic library, and the first in southern Minnesota, —a library of purely Masonic books. In 1882 and 1883 he was Deputy District Grand Master and was Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in 1885; subsequently twice served as Senior Grand Warden, twice as Deputy Grand Master, and in 1889 was placed in the highest office in Masonry in the State, that of Grand Master, and was re-elected for a second term. His being thus honored by his brethren of the fraternity shows his standing among them and the high regard in which he is universally held in their ranks. Mr. Kiester was the first Worthy Chief of the Good Templar Lodge of Blue Earth City, which was organized in 1860, being the first temperance society of Faribault county, and for several terms held that office. In practice and precept he is a temperance man, and religiously he and his family are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which he has for some years been lay reader. His political connection is with the Republican party, in the organization of which in Faribault county he was the mover in calling the first county and legislative convention in 1857, and which organization continues to this day. He was at one time a member of the Republican State Central Committee, and during the late war he was an earnest supporter of the Union cause. He has always taken an active part in all public enterprises of a local character, and devoted much time and labor to securing the construction of a railroad to Blue Earth City.

Judge Kiester has always manifested a deep interest in literary matters and is a diligent reader of the leading magazines of the day and of the standard and classical works of all ages. Since early age he has contributed numerous articles to various newspapers and periodicals, usually under some *nom de plume*. For a number of years he has employed his leisure time in writing a complete history of Faribault county, the first volume of which is now finished and will be published at no distant day. Certainly no one is more fitted to compile such a work than he, for he has not only witnessed the growth and development of the county, but has connected himself with all interests and enterprises calculated to advance the general welfare, and in his life record is given a brief but true picture of Faribault county's history.

He follows fearlessly the dictates of his own conscience and gives to religious, educational and fraternal institutions his hearty support.

HENRY HARRISON BONNEY, Treasurer of Martin county, Minnesota, is a leading citizen of Fairmont, as well as one of its oldest residents.

Mr. Bonney's father, Daniel Bonney, was born in the State of New York about the year 1804; and his mother, *nee* Harriet Brace, was a native of Hartford, Connecticut, and a daughter of a Captain in the war of 1812. They were married in Pennsylvania, and spent the rest of their lives on the homestead farm which had been located by Grandfather Brace. The father died in 1852, and the mother in September, 1891. They were the parents of eight children, three of whom grew to maturity and two of whom are now living Henry H. and Will-

iam, the latter residing at the old home in Pennsylvania. Two of the sons, Wilbert and Henry H., served in the late war. Wilbert was a member of the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was killed on the last afternoon of the seven days' battle at Malvern Hill, in July, 1862. Religiously Daniel Bonney was a Universalist, while his wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Henry H. Bonney was born on his father's farm in Pennsylvania, August 23, 1842, and there grew to manhood, receiving his education in the district school and in the academy at Waterford, Pennsylvania. He came West to Chatfield, Fillmore county, Minnesota, in August, 1862, making the journey hither by team. On the 17th of December, that same year, he enlisted in Company F, First Minnesota Cavalry, under Captain Daniels and Colonel McPhail. During that winter his regiment was quartered at Fort Snelling. Afterward they were sent from point to point in Minnesota, and finally, under General Sibley, against the Sioux Indians, participating in several engagements and killing over a hundred red men. Mr. Bonney was injured by a horse falling upon him, and also while in the service he contracted a severe cold, which resulted in inflammatory rheumatism, from the effects of which he has never recovered. His company was one of four that were sent on an expedition to Snake river, and while on that expedition they ran short of provisions and came near starving. After their return to Minnesota Mr. Bonney was on guard duty and for two months was mail carrier. In December, 1863, at the expiration of his term of enlistment, he was honorably discharged.

Returning to Chatfield, Mr. Bonney was married there in January, 1864, to Marcella E. Lowth, a native of Wisconsin, born February 19, 1845, daughter of John Lowth, one of the early settlers of Wisconsin. In February of the same year he returned with his bride to the old home place in Pennslyvania, and was engaged in farming there until 1868. That year Mr. Bonney again came West, this time to Lowell, Wis., where he worked at the carpenter's trade a year and a half, after which he came to Martin county, Minnesota, and homesteaded a tract of land three and a half miles northeast of Fairmont, where he settled, devoting his time to its cultivation and improvement. Three years later came what has since been known as "grasshopper year." He then moved to Grand Meadow and for over a year worked at his trade, and after that returned to his farm. Since 1875 he has been a resident of Fairmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonney have five children —Sarah, Chester H., Wilbert L., Jessie and Rhoda. Sarah is the wife of William Wessell, and lives in Chicago, Illinois. All have had good educational advantages, and Wilbert L. is a graduate of Hamline University.

Mr. Bonney is one of the most public-spirited and enterprising men of Fairmont, always taking a deep interest in all that pertains to her welfare. He helped to organize Fairmont as an independent school district and for six years has been a member of the School Board. Fraternally he is identified with the Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M., of which he was Tyler for many years; Fairmont Chapter, R. A. M.; Juneau Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and Phil Kearny Post, No. 18, G. A. R., of which he was Commander for two years, and is at present Officer of the Day. Politically Mr. Bonney is a Republican. He has served as Constable

of Fairmont township, and is now, as above stated, Treasurer of the county, having been elected to this office in 1892. Recently he has been renominated for the same office by the Republican convention. Few men in Martin county are better known or more highly respected than is Henry H. Bonney.

GEORGE TANNER, a retired farmer now residing in Fairmont, is numbered among the honored pioneer settlers of Martin county. From an early day he has not only witnessed the growth of this section of the State, but has aided in its progress and advancement and his name is therefore inseparably connected with its history. He has seen the wild lands transformed into beautiful homes and farms, has seen the growth of towns and villages and has watched the onward march of civilization, which has brought in its train all the comforts and evidence of culture, and refinement known to the older-settled East. He is certainly deserving of representation in this volume, and with pleasure we present to our readers this review of his life, knowing that it will prove of interest to many, for he is both widely and favorably known.

Mr. Tanner was born in Morgan county, Ohio, April 2, 1818, and is descended from good old Revolutionary stock. The grandfather, Benjamin Tanner, was a native of England, and when a young man braved the dangers of an ocean voyage in order to found a home in the New World. He landed in Philadelphia, whence he made his way to New Jersey, and when the Colonies attempted to throw off the yoke of British tyranny, he aided in the struggle.

The parents of our subject were John and Ann Tanner, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Chester county, Pennsylvania, of Welsh descent. Within his younger years John Tanner removed to Chester county, and there the parents of George Tanner were married and began their domestic life upon a farm, where they made their home about eight years. They then moved westward, settling in Washington county, of the Keystone State, where upon a farm they lived until 1813, which year witnessed their arrival in Muskingum county, Ohio. The last days of their lives were passed upon a farm in Morgan county, Ohio, where each died at the age of seventy-one years. They had long been fellow-travelers on life's journey, and, when summoned hence, their remains were interred side by side in the Wolf Creek cemetery in Morgan county. They had so lived as to win the confidence and high regard of all, and their loss was deeply and sincerely mourned.

John and Ann Tanner were the parents of a family of ten children,—six sons and four daughters,—who grew to maturity, but most of them have now passed away. Benjamin, Hannah, Lydia, Jacob and John are all deceased; Nancy is the wife of Moses Smith; George is the next younger; Simon is also deceased; Mary Ann is the wife of George Tanner; William is a farmer of Morgan county, Ohio.

George Tanner of this sketch was reared upon his father's farm in a locality which was then not far removed from a frontier settlement, and in later life he went through the experiences of pioneer life. He conned his lessons in a log schoolhouse, which was furnished with rude slab benches and heated by an immense fireplace, taking up nearly the entire end of the room, the smoke making its escape through a mud-and-stick

chimney. In such a building he became familiar with the common English branches of learning, continuing his studies through the winter months, while during the remainder of the year he aided in the labors of the fields and farm. Like a dutiful son he gave his father the benefit of his services until twenty-one years of age, when he started out in life for himself, beginning to earn his livelihood by work as a farm hand.

Not long after Mr. Tanner chose a companion and helpmeet on life's journey. He was married April 17, 1839, to Miss Ann Powell, and to them was born a son, George, who now resides in St. Paul, Minnesota, a printer and bookbinder of that city. For his second wife, Mr. Tanner chose Miss Catherine Wolf, and the wedding ceremony was performed on the 1st of February, 1842. The lady is a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and with her parents went to Morgan county, Ohio, when only a year and a half old. Her father, John Wolf, was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, was a farmer by occupation and became one of the early settlers of Morgan county, Ohio. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Caseman, was born in Maryland and there made her home until fifteen years of age. Both the paternal and maternal grandfathers of Mrs. Wolf were natives of Germany. She is the eldest in a family of four children and was reared in Morgan county, not far from the home of him who became her husband.

After their marriage they first located in Morgan county, where Mr. Tanner carried on general farming until 1864, at which time, accompanied by his family, he came to Minnesota. In Martin county, one mile north of Fairmont, he located a claim and at once began the development of his land, which at that time was still in its primitive condition. It was not long before the place began to assume a very different appearance: in place of the barren prairie were seen rich and fertile fields, and good buildings erected gave evidence of the thrift and enterprise of the owner, whose practical and progressive spirit is well known throughout this community. He successfully operated his farm, deriving therefrom a good income, until 1889, when he laid aside all business cares, removed to Fairmont and has since lived retired. He yet owns, however, 400 acres of fine land, which he rents.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tanner have been born four sons and five daughters: Thomas, who died at the age of a year and a half; Mary Ann, now the wife of Dr. J. W. Dill, of Benton, Butler county, Kansas; John, who married Cora Edwards and is now living in Blaine, Washington; Matilda, who died at the age of thirty-four years; Jacob K., who married Lillian Fowler, of Fairmont, where they reside; Davis W., who wedded Anna Holmes and is located in Wichita, Kansas; Emelius, a practicing physician of Fairmont; Stephen A., of the same city; and Nancy, now the wife of Nelson Pratt, who is living near Spokane, Washington. The children were all provided with good educational privileges which would well fit them for the duties of life, and all have become useful and respected members of society in the communities in which they reside.

Mr. Tanner served for many years as School Director and also served for one term as Justice of the Peace. The first house in Fairmont formerly stood upon the farm of our subject and was hauled from there to the village where it was used as a store. It is still standing—one of the landmarks of pioneer times. A part of Fairmont

is located on the claim which Mr. Tanner entered from the Government thirty years ago. He and his wife have been members of the Christian church for many long years and their lives have been in harmony with their profession—earnest, helpful and consistent. In Martin county there is none more deserving of high regard than this worthy couple, who in their declining years are now resting after life's hard labor, enjoying the fruits of their former toil.

HORACE MORTIMER KEELER, an early pioneer and prominent farmer of section 34, Fairmont township, Martin county, was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1842, a son of Newell Keeler, born and reared in the same place. His father, Charles Keeler, a native of Connecticut, was a son of John Keeler, born in 1723, and died in 1795. The mother of our subject, *nee* Mary Canfield, was born and reared in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Amos Canfield, a native of Connecticut, a farmer by occupation, and a soldier in the Mexican war. Newell and Mary Keeler were married in Susquehanna county in 1840, and located on a farm in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where they remained about eight years. They then returned to Susquehanna county, where the father died at the age of fifty-seven years, and the mother at the age of sixty-five years. They were the parents of six children,—Horace M., the subject of this sketch; Oscar S., of Pennsylvania; Eunice, wife of Frank Terrell; George M., of Washington; Annice Victoria, wife of R. B. Leet, of Fairmont township; and Alice Viola, her twin sister, died in infancy.

H. M. Keeler remained in his native county until twenty years of age. In 1864 he enlisted in the Fifth New York Cavalry, was appointed to the position of Corporal, and took part in the battle of the Wilderness, where his regiment fired the first shot, and our subject saw the first man wounded. They were then sent to headquarters at Mulford Station, and the regiment was then detailed as guard to General Sheridan, and afterward participated in the battles of Ashland Station, White Oak Swamps, Wilson's Raid, Cedar Creek, and many other engagements, continuing in the capacity of guard to General Sheridan until the spring of 1865.

Receiving his discharge early in July, 1865, Mr. Keeler returned to Pennsylvania, and went thence to Madison county, New York, where he was engaged in milling nearly a year. He next had charge of an engine in a mill in Oneida county, that State, one year.

December 18, 1867, Mr. Keeler was united in marriage with Sarah Garlick, who was born in Oneida county, New York, January 1, 1845, a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Scoby) Garlick, the former a native of Manchester, England, born in 1812. He came to America in 1824, when twelve years of age, locating in Oneida county, where he learned and followed the trades of machinist and millwright, and is still living. Catherine Scoby was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1814, and also came to the United States when twelve years old. They were married in Oneida county in 1832, and had six children, namely: George, of Oneida county, New York, Theodore J., of Coffeyville, Kansas; Adeline F., wife of Harry Landers, of Missouri; Sarah, wife of Mr. Keeler; William, of Oneida county, New York; and Matilda, deceased, who was the wife of A. A. Raymond. Mrs. Keeler was reared in her

native county, and received a good education in the Cleveland and Camden high schools. She began teaching school when fifteen years of age, and taught in all nine terms, or about four years.

Three months after their marriage, having decided to seek a home in the West, Mr. and Mrs. Keeler came to Martin county, Minnesota, the trip having cost him just one cent a minute from the time they left their Eastern home until their arrival in Fairmont township. The journey from the Mississippi river was made by stage. Mr. Keeler farmed on rented land the first year here, and on the 6th of October, 1868, located on the place he now owns. They first moved into a sod house, only three sides of which were completed when one of the most terrible blizzards known in that locality occurred. His first team was a yoke of oxen, for which he paid $150, and not having a wagon he used a sled both summer and winter the first year. In the spring of 1868 he paid $1.25 per bushel for seed wheat, and sold his crop of 135 bushels in the fall for twenty-five cents per bushel, and had to haul it forty-five miles to market. This experiment impressed him with the idea that farming in Minnesota was not a rapid way to acquire a fortune. They endured all, if not more, of the hardships than usually fall to the lot of pioneer settlers. During the first three years of their residence in Fairmont township they could scarcely obtain the necessaries of life, having only pure cold water to drink, and were without a light in the evenings.

Encouraged by the kind words of his estimable wife, and assisted by her ever willing hands, Mr. Keeler continued the improvement and cultivation of his new farm, and by rigid economy and untiring industry, on the part of both, they succeeded in making for themselves a comfortable and pleasant home, and now have 120 acres of good farming land supplied with good residence and outbuildings. In May, 1887, Mr. Keeler sold his farm, and traveled over the North and Southwest in search of a favorable location, but finding no place equal to Martin county he returned a month later and again purchased his old farm, where the family now resides, enjoying all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In all things pertaining to the public good Mr. Keeler takes a lively interest. Mr. and Mrs. Keeler have had six children: Newell, born in 1869, and is at home; Katie, who was born in 1871, and died in 1891, having been married to Alonzo E. Partlow just four weeks before her death; George M., who was born February 15, 1872, married Hannah Erricson, and resides in Martin county; Esme, born October 2, 1874; Howard, born November 20, 1876, died April 3, 1890; and Grace C., born October 26, 1884. Mr. Keeler supports the Republican party. He has held the position of Assessor longer than any other man in the township, has served as Supervisor many years, and is now a member of the School Board. In 1890 he was appointed Government Inspector of Boilers for the Sixth Congressional District, but declined to accept the position. Socially, he is a member of the G. A. R., Phil Kearny Post, No. 19.

WILLIAM HENRY SWEARINGEN, of Martin county, Minnesota, was born in De Witt county, Illinois, September 11, 1840, a son of John B. and Jane (Brown) Swearingen. William H., the sixth of eleven

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children, seven sons and four daughters, was reared in his native place until 1857, when he came with his parents to Shelbyville, Blue Earth county, Minnesota, and in the spring of 1860 to Martin county, and remained with them until August 17, 1862. He then enlisted in Company D, Ninth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and took part in the battles of Nashville, Spanish Fort, and many other smaller engagements. While guarding the frontier in Martin county Mr. Swearingen received a sunstroke, which rendered him perfectly unconscious for forty-eight hours, and on account of which he now draws a pension of $72 per month. He afterward served two years in the South, receiving his discharge August 24, 1865. After returning from the army Mr. Swearingen resumed agricultural pursuits in Martin county. In 1860 he assisted in building the first mill in the county, on his farm in Silver Lake township, and this he and his father conducted for many years.

October 15, 1865, he was united in marriage with Caroline A. Page, born in New Hampshire, December 24, 1847, a daughter of William H. and Druzella (Lamphy) Page, natives also of that State. They had two daughters,—Mrs. Swearingen and Emma Larson, of Oregon. Our subject and wife have had nine children: those living are: Ida May, born March 5, 1871, is the wife of Ed. L. Lewis, who is engaged in the jewelry business at South West City, McDonald county, Mo.; Charles L., born May 24, 1873, is at home; George W., born November 26, 1876; Lillie, born January 7, 1879; Herbert W., January 9, 1882; Edna Maud, born August 23, 1891. Their eldest two and their eighth child, all died in childhood. In his political relations, Mr. Swearingen affiliates with the Republican party. Socially, he is a member of Phil. Kearny Post, No. 18, at Fairmont, and Mrs. Swearingen is a member the Phil Kearny Relief Corps, No. 41, of Fairmont.

HENRY P. CONSTANS, the genial and popular proprietor of the Constans House, the leading hotel of Blue Earth City, is one of the leading men of Faribault county, and his name is inseparably connected with its history. He has resided here since the county's organization, and aided in the laying out of the city, which is the seat of justice. From that time he has been identified with its most prominent interests, and probably no man is more familiar to the citizens of the community than our honored and respected subject.

Mr. Constans is a descendant of one of the old and prominent families of France, which country is the land of his birth. He was born in Deimirigen, department du Pas Rhein, April 29, 1834, and his early years were there passed. His grandparents were Phillip and Catherine (Young) Constans, the former a baker by trade, and also an extensive grain-dealer. The father of our subject, George Constans, was a government official, and after the Franco-Prussian war he lived retired until called to the home beyond, dying in 1884, at the age of seventy-one years. His wife, Louise, was a daughter of Henry Junker, who served the government of France as general superintendent of forests, his title being Guard General. This position he held during the active part of his life, and in his last years he was retired on a pension. Mrs. Constans died about the year 1873. Henry P. is the eldest in their family of five children, the others being,

George, a resident of Mankato, Minnesota; Christian, who is living in France, where he has served as Captain in the Fourth Regiment of Artillery and also as Aide-de-camp to General Maalsharbe; Mrs. Caroline Kunz; and Louise.

In his parents' home Henry P. Constans spent his youthful years and in the public schools of his native land he obtained his education. Hearing of the advantages afforded young men in the New World he determined to try his fortune beyond the Atlantic, and, at the age of seventeen, embarked from Havre, France, on the sailing vessel Lexington, which, after forty-seven days spent upon the bosom of the deep, dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans, on the 13th of April, 1851. The following June he came North to Minnesota and found employment in St. Paul, where he continued until 1854, at which time he removed to the village of Shakopee, twenty-five miles south of St. Paul, and opened a mercantile establishment, the second store in the place. This he conducted until early in 1856, when, in company with ex-Governor Wakefield, S. Spencer and Samuel Hibler, he came to Faribault county, which was then unorganized. They came to this place for the purpose of laying out a town, with a view of making it the county seat, and on the 7th of February, 1856, arrived on the beautiful site of Blue Earth City, and within that winter had the county organized.

With the above named gentlemen, Mr. Constans laid out the town upon a tract of 320 acres, part of which was afterward sold to George Kingsley. They built a log house on the town site in which they made their home until the following August, when he erected a two-story hewn log house, 20 x 40 feet with an additional 18 x 24 feet. He therein opened a hotel, conducting it for twelve years, when he built his present commodious hotel. For thirty-nine years he has engaged in business along this line and has made the Constans House one of the most popular hostelries in the State, not only a favorite with the citizens of this community, but wirh the traveling public at large. He puts forth every effort in his power to make the house attractive and homelike, and it is neatly and tastefully furnished, well ventilated and arranged, and the the table is always supplied with the delicacies of the season. In all his labors he has been ably seconded and assisted by his estimable wife, and the success of the hotel is due in no small degree to her, a fact which Mr. Constans is not slow to recognize or acknowledge.

The marriage which made Miss Barbara Hebeison Mrs. Constans was celebrated November 4, 1856. The lady came from Carver county, Minnesota, a daughter of Christian and Barbara (Jaberg) Hebeison, natives of Berne, Switzerland. Her father was a manufacturer of medicines and was also engaged to a limited extent in farming. In 1854 the family emigrated to America, landing in New York city, and after six months spent in Ohio removed to Indiana. In 1856 they came to Minnesota, settling on Government land, and later went to Carver county, where the father spent his last days, his death occurring in 1882. His wife died in Switzerland in 1846. They were the parents of five children: Christian, deceased; Maggie, now Mrs. Hostetter; Mrs. Constans; John, of Carver City; and Frederick. Mrs. Constans is a lady of culture and refinement and enjoys the high esteem of all with whom she has been brought in contact. By her

marriage she has become the mother of four sons: Charles W., a traveling salesman, married Elizabeth J. Anderson and they have one son, Victor A.: they reside in Blue Earth City; Henry E. is a druggist of Blue Earth City; George F. is assistant cashier of the City Bank, and his home is in Blue Earth City; he married Eva *Z.* Quayle and has two children, George M. and Willard A.; Frank E., who is a graduate of Carlton College, of Northfield, Minnesota, also of Hahnemann College of Philadelphia and Ward's Hospital, of New York city, is a practicing physician of Brockton, Massachusetts, and married Emily Packard of that place. The children were provided with good educational privileges and thus fitted for the practical and responsible duties of life.

In settling the new town of Blue Earth City its founders were extremely liberal in holding out inducements to parties to locate here, donating lots to those who would build homes or business houses upon them. They also gave a block for school purposes and another as a site for the court-house. Mr. Constans has always been a leader in all public matters that would be of benefit and improvement to the community, and the progress and development, as well as the material prosperity, of the county are due in no small degree to his labors in its behalf. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend and earnest supporter, and more than twenty years he served on the School Board, doing effective service for the schools of the city, which have been placed on a high plane. His influence has been felt in political matters, and he has served as chairman of the county Democratic Committee for many years. He was appointed Sheriff of the county on its organization and filled the office for four years in a most acceptable manner, but has since declined all political preferment, save when elected to the first City Council. His loyalty to duty and his faithful citizenship have never been questioned and he well may be called one of the founders of the county, in whose advancement and welfare he feels a just pride.

Mr. Constans was made a Mason in 1858, in Blue Earth Valley Lodge, No. 27, at Winnebago City, and was a charter member of the Blue Earth City Lodge, No. 57, of Blue Earth City. He is a member of the Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., at Winnebago City, and he has held official preferments in the order as King and Scribe of the Chapter, and as Senior Deacon of the blue lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Constans passed through the hardships and trials of life on the frontier and have lived to see their own possessions increase from a limited capital to a comfortable competence. In addition to his hotel property they have a fine farm of 200 acres and some real estate in Blue Earth City and St. Paul. In social life they are highly respected, and their large circle of warm and admiring friends extends from ocean to ocean. They are faithful and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is serving as Elder, and their well spent lives are worthy of emulation.

WILLIAM HUBBARD is a representative farmer of Martin county living on section 14, Tenhassen township, and with pleasure we present to our readers this record of his life. Biography is one of the most profitable studies to which man can devote his attention. We learn of the means which have been used to win success, of commendable meth-

ods, and have thus laid before us an example which may profitably be followed. The gentleman whose name heads this record is a self-made man, and there is much in his life that might teach others a useful lesson.

The Hubbard family was probably founded in the Empire State at an early day in the history of this country, though we have but a limited record of the ancestry. The father of our subject, James Hubbard, was a native of Columbia county, New York, and in that State was born the lady whom he married,—Miss Catherine Hamilton,—their wedding being celebrated in Otsego county, New York. Prior to the war of the Rebellion they moved to Wisconsin, settling in Green Lake county, where the mother's death occurred. The father afterward went to Meeker county, Minnesota, where he made his home until he, too, was called to his final rest. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard were well known people, whose well spent lives won them high regard. In their family were eight children, seven of whom are yet living, and one son, Charles, served in the army during the Civil war.

In taking up the personal history of William Hubbard we present our readers the record of one of the popular and influential farmers of Martin county. He was born in Columbia county, New York, on the 4th of October, 1827, and the days of his boyhood and youth were quietly passed in the Empire State, where a steadiness of character and self-reliance were developed to aid him in the coming struggles. He continued with his parents till twenty-one years of age, and gave his father the benefit of his labors upon the farm.

In 1848 occurred one of the most important events in the life of Mr. Hubbard, —his marriage to Miss Minerva Clark, a native of Otsego county, New York, and a daughter of William and Katie (Truax) Clark, who also were natives of the Empire State, in which they spent their entire lives. Both have now passed away. Their family numbered eleven children, five of whom are yet living. Mrs. Hubbard was born November 10, 1829, and the days of her maidenhood were passed in the county of her birth, its public schools affording her good educational privileges. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard was blessed with a family of ten children, six of whom still survive. John, the eldest, married Eliza Manley and is living in Tenhassen township, Martin county; Adelbert, married Elizabeth Donaldson and also resides in Tenhassen township; Willie led to the marriage altar Bertha Donaldson and carries on agricultural pursuits in Tenhassen township; Kate is the wife of James Huntsinger, of Iowa, and they have six children; Charles is the next younger; Maggie is the wife of H. Wadsworth, a resident of Brown county, Minnesota, and four children grace this union.

Upon their marriage, Mr. Hubbard settled upon a wild farm in Wisconsin and cultivated the land for a time. In the year in which the homestead law was passed, he became a resident of Minnesota, and Martin county thereby gained a valuable citizen. He located upon a farm in Lake Belt township, devoting his energies to its cultivation until 1867, when he came to his present farm, then a tract of wild land, upon which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made. This region was then sparsely settled, his nearest neighbors being miles distant, and he had to go to market in Winnebago county. For a time his home was little more than a shanty, but as the years have passed and his financial resources have

increased, he has added all the comforts known to civilized life to his pleasant residence,—one of the substantial dwellings. The family passed through many hardships and privations, and when Mr. Hubbard went to war the family were left in desperate straits, at one time having only one biscuit to divide between seven children. The loyal and faithful mother, however, made the best of everything, and though often her heart failed her she bore up for the sake of her children.

Mr. Hubbard was greatly attached to his family, but in 1864 he felt that duty required his services at the front, and in consequence he bade adieu to wife and little ones, going to the front. The date of his enlistment was February 20, 1864, and he became a private of Company C, Sixth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. He was sent to Helena, Arkansas, where he remained for some time doing guard duty, although he suffered much from ill health, resulting from the rigor and hardships of army life. He afterward went to St. Louis, Missouri, where on the 19th of May, 1865, he was honorably discharged.

He returned at once to his home, but for some time was unable to work. He has since lived upon his present fine farm, where he now owns 240 acres of rich land under a high state of cultivation and improved with all modern conveniences. He raises grain of all kinds, also cattle and hogs, and his able management and perseverance have brought him prosperity. He may truly be called a self-made man, for his success has come to him through his own efforts unsupplemented by financial aid or influence. Working his way upward and overcoming the obstaces and difficulties in his path, he has triumphed over discouragement and adverse circumstances; and where many a man would have given up he has pushed his way forward.

In his political views Mr. Hubbard is a Republican, and warmly advocates the principles of his party, which he has supported since its organization. He has held a number of township offices, and the duties were discharged with the same fidelity and loyalty that he manifested when in the South he defended the old flag which now so proudly floats over the united nation. He holds membership in Estherville Post, G. A. R., of Estherville, Iowa, and has ever been a warm friend of education and of all enterprises calculated to promote the general welfare.

HON. DAVID PERRY WASGATT, deceased, was for several years a prominent citizen and business man of Winnebago City, Faribault county, Minnesota.

He was born in the town of Mt. Desert, Hancock county, Maine, April 6, 1830, and was the sixth in a family of twelve children of Asa and Sarah (Gott) Wasgatt, both of whom were natives of the Pine Tree State. Asa Wasgatt was by trade a mason, owned a small farm in Hancock county, and for several years preached for the Methodist denomination, in which church he was a leading member.

The early life of David P. Wasgatt was spent on his father's farm and in attendance at the public schools, where he acquired a good education for those times. He taught school for a few years, and for two years worked in a ship-yard at Mount Desert. At the age of twenty-two he engaged in mer-

chandising in his native town, and continued that business successfully for twelve years. For four years he represented his county in the State Legislature, and while there was associated with United States Senator Hale; and for two years was employed by the Prohibitionists as Marshal of his county, to assist in enforcing the Maine liquor law.

In 1871, accompanied by his wife and three sons, he came to Minnesota, settling at Winnebago City, where he soon after opened a real-estate and loan office, and diligently applied himself to his business interests until his death, which occurred at his home in Winnebago City, September 16, 1894.

Mr. Wasgatt was a man of strongly marked individuality and pleasing presence. He always took a lively interest in public affairs and kept himself well informed on the questions of the day. A man of decided opinions, having the courage of his convictions, he as fearlessly opposed wrong as he defended right. He cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and continued to support the Republican party until after the close of the Civil war; but, being in favor of a tariff for revenue only, he was not in accord with Republican principles, and gave his support to the Democratic party. While a resident of Winnebago City he never sought political preferment, but held the office of Justice of the Peace for two terms and always counseled disputing parties to settle their differences without litigation, and his advice was usually acted upon. He was a friend of education, and for several years a member of the School Board. He was one of the incorporators of the Winnebago Building & Loan Association, and its success was due in a great measure to his business sagacity. He served as president of the association until his death.

In religious thought, he was broad and liberal, and, although not a member of any visible church, he did much by example to further the cause of true Christianity. For some years he was Superintendent of the Presbyterian Sabbath-school, and a Trustee in that church, contributing liberally to its support.

At Mount Desert, Maine, May 20, 1855, Mr. Wasgatt married Miss Sophia Winter Richardson, daughter of John and Rhoda W. Richardson, natives of Maine and of English descent. This union resulted in the birth of four children, namely: William M., a resident of Winnebago City; Andrew Johnson, assistant Auditor of St. Louis county, Minnesota; Frank Guy, who is continuing his father's business and studying law; and Charlotte Josephine. Mrs. Wasgatt and family are members of the Presbyterian Church, and enjoy the respect and confidence of the community.

HON. GEORGE D. McARTHUR, president of the Merchants & Farmers' Bank of Blue Earth City, Minnesota, has been prominently identified with Faribault county and with its important interests since 1856. He has been a leading figure in the commercial history of this section of the State and the prosperity and progress of this locality is largely due to his untiring efforts, his sagacity and excellent managerial ability. His life has been purely a business one, and he possesses that indomitable perseverance that enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

Mr. McArthur is a native of New York, born in Columbia county on the 22d of August, 1834. The family was founded in America about the time the English took Holland, and for many years the McArthurs have lived in the Empire State. The grandfather, N. McArthur, crossed the Atlantic with the Hoags, the maternal ancestors of our subject. The father, Duncan McArthur, was born in New York, in 1799, and there married Anna Hoag, who was born in Putnam county, New York. Her death occurred in 1834. Six children had been born of that union, namely: Caleb, who is living in Faribault county; William N.; Ward, who died in New York; Jane and Mary, who died in Wisconsin; and George D., of this sketch. After the death of his first wife, Duncan McArthur was again married, his second union being with Catherine Van Dusen, by whom he had four children,—Elizabeth, Cordilla, Martha and Floyd. In the year 1849 the family left their New York home and emigrated to Wisconsin, which only the year previous had been admitted to the sisterhood of States. The father purchased a farm in Waukesha county, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for the final summons came in 1851.

The gentleman whose name heads this record lost his mother during his early infancy, and was only fifteen years of age when his father died. His youth was spent in attending the common schools, and he also spent two terms in Carrol College, acquiring a practical English education which has been of great value to him in his business career. In 1854 he returned to the State of his nativity, and after a year passed there came to Minnesota in 1855, locating in Winona county. The following year he came to Faribault county, first settling on a stock-farm in the town of Elmore. It was an unimproved tract of land, but he transformed it into a rich and fertile tract and extensively engaged in stock-raising, doing a large and most profitable business. He possesses excellent executive ability, and his diligence, careful management and close attention to details made him most successful.

In 1864 he became identified with the commercial interests of Blue Earth City and for many years was one of its leading general merchants, doing business as the senior member of the well-known firm of McArthur, Hill & Company. They built up a very extensive trade, securing a liberal patronage by straightforward and honest dealing, courteous treatment and earnest desire to please their customers. They carried a splendid grade of goods and had but one price for all people,—a course which commanded universal confidence. In 1869, Mr. McArthur embarked in the agricultural-implement business, and again prosperity attended his well directed efforts, he increasing his stock to meet the constantly increasing demand. He also established branch houses in Fairmont, Winnebago City, Elmore and Wells. On August 7, 1890, in company with Anthony and Alexander Anderson and S. Pfeffer, he organized the Merchants and Farmers' Bank of Blue Earth City, of which he was elected president, and in that capacity he has since served. Although new to the banking business, his administration of affairs has made this one of the solid financial institutions of the county and has added to his high and well deserved reputation as a business man. As his financial resources increased he made careful and judicious investments in real estate and now has some very valuable property.

Mr. McArthur was married July 17, 1859,

to Miss Anna S. Drake, a daughter of William S. Drake and a native of Orange county, New York. They have no children of their own, but out of the kindness of their hearts they have given a home to an adopted son, Guy S. Cliff, who lived with them from the age of three years and who is now engaged in farming in Faribault county. He married Kate Hunter and they are now comfortably situated in life. Both Mr. and Mrs. McArthur hold membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are earnest Christian people, generous and benevolent, in whom the poor, needy and distressed find true and faithful friends who give them not only sympathy and advice, but also more material aid.

Mr. McArthur was made a Mason in St. James Lodge of East Troy, Wisconsin, in 1858, and is a charter member of Blue Earth City Lodge, No. 57, A. F. & A. M. He also belongs to the Veteran Lodge. In his political views he is a stalwart Republican and the principles of that party receive his earnest support, although he has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking. In 1858 he was elected to represent his district in the General Assembly and from that time forward steadily refused to accept office until 1894, when he was elected to the State Senate, in which he is now acceptably serving. It is such men as Mr. McArthur that are needed to form the law and administer the affairs of the nation,—men of common sense, broad and liberal views, who are citizens and not politicians, and who know and understand what is required for good government and labor to secure it. As has been said his life has been a purely business one, yet this district has sent no one to its legislative halls that has more carefully looked after its interests. Praise is distasteful to him and display and ostentation are repugnant, but it is just to say that no man has been a more important factor in the business history of Fairbault county or has done more for the best interests of this section of the State.

ELMORE HOUGHTALING, a hardware merchant of Fairmont, Minnesota, is a son of the late Jeremiah A. Houghtaling.

Jeremiah A. Houghtaling was born in Esopus, Ulster county, New York, November 23, 1815, son of Abram and Sarah (Veile) Houghtaling, both natives of the Empire State. The first twenty-two years of his life were spent in attending school and working on his father's farm. After that he turned his attention to boating on the Hudson river and ere long owned an interest in a boat. He continued on the river until 1856, when he removed to Ottawa, Waukesha county, Wisconsin, purchasing a farm near that place and residing upon it for two years. At the end of that time he sold out and moved to Milwaukee, where for a short time he ran a dray line. In 1859 he again went to farming, which he continued for eight years, and after that made his home in Milwaukee until 1875, having the management of a coal yard. In 1879 he came to Fairmont, Minnesota, and established himself in the hardware business. Soon afterward Mr. J. A. Sinclair became an equal partner with him, and in 1881 he sold his interest in the business to Mr. Colby, and during the three years following was engaged in farming. At the end of the three years he returned to Fairmont and bought from Mr. Colby two-fifths of the hardware establishment, and in February, 1887,

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bought the rest of Mr. Colby's interest,—one-fifth. He continued in the hardware business up to the time of his death, September 28, 1890, carrying a large stock of goods and having an extensive trade. His farm, above referred to, is located six miles northwest of Fairmont and comprises 360 acres. Mr. Houghtaling was prominent in local affairs wherever he lived, and was a man who was universally respected. He was President of Fairmont three terms, and while a resident of Wisconsin was chairman of the Township Board, and also served as Assessor. Politically, he was a Democrat.

He was married in Esopus, New York, December 1, 1836, to Miss Catharine Eltinge, daughter of Ruloff and Dina (Eltinge) Eltinge, natives of Ulster county, New York. She was born in that county, April 13, 1819, and is now deceased. This worthy couple had a large family of children, namely: Dina, deceased; Abram, who married Barbara Miffley, resides in Fairmont; Ambrose, deceased; Sarah Jane, deceased; Magdaline, wife of Byron E. St. John, resides in Martin county, Minnesota; Victoria, deceased wife of E. G. Comstock; Kate, deceased; Burns, deceased; Elmore; Lillian; and Richard, deceased.

From the biography of Jeremiah A. Houghtaling, we turn for a sketch of the life of his son Elmore, with whose name we began this article.

Elmore Houghtaling was born at Boscobel, Wisconsin, June 23, 1860. He was educated in the public schools of Milwaukee, and worked for his father, removing with him from place to place, as above recorded, until the latter's death. In 1890 he became a member of the firm of Houghtaling & Coult, dealers in general hardware, and has since been doing a prosperous business in this line. They also do a plumbing business.

Mr. Houghtaling was married in 1888 to Miss Mary E. Wade, daughter of Captain E. F. Wade and a native of Trempealeau county, Wisconsin, the date of her birth being December 16, 1860. They have five children—Elma, Joy, Eltinge, Lyn, and an infant.

Mrs. Houghtaling is a believer in Christian Science. Mr. Houghtaling is a member of the Congregational Church, being a Trustee and an active worker in the same. He is also active in fraternal organizations: is Recording Secretary of Fairmont Lodge, No. 70, I. O. O. F.; a member of the Pilgrim Encampment, No. 32, in which he has passed all the chairs; and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a director of the Building and Association of Fairmont, and also a director of the Martin County Bank of Fairmont. Politically, he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM HAMPTON BUDD.—After having spent a long and useful career as a farmer and having accumulated some means and gained an enviable reputation for honor and integrity, the gentleman whose name we have just given is now living a retired life in Fairmont, Martin county, Minnesota. He is the son of Abraham D. and Margaret F. (Goble) Budd, natives of New Jersey. The place of the nativity of the subject of our sketch is in Roxbury (now Mount Olive) Morris county, New Jersey, where his birth took place March 28, 1829. On the farm where his father was born, and where he died July 31, 1867, William H. was reared and in the common schools he acquired his

education. On attaining his majority he went to Dodge county, Wisconsin, and for six months engaged in days' labor. In March and April of 1851 he took a trip through western Wisconsin, to within twenty miles of La Crosse, and there were but three houses on the present site of Sparta. After leaving Reedsburg, on the Little Baraboo river, there were a few houses scattered along for ten miles, and thirty miles beyond, on the Kickapoo river, was a logging shanty, twenty miles from where the trail struck the Prairie du Chien and Black Falls road. Mr. Budd looked around for a day or two but the country was mostly timber land and he left for Prairie du Chien. Next he went to Iowa, traveling through some of the northern counties of that State, which was mostly wild prairie with some timber on the streams. There were but few settlers, and the houses were frequently from ten to twenty miles apart and much of the traveling to and fro was done on foot.

Returning to Dodge county, Wisconsin, in the course of a month and a half, Mr. Budd purchased a farm on which he lived part of the time until 1854. He then came to Minnesota and engaged in carpentering and other work in Mankato, after which he took a trip east and northeast to find some people with teams and stock, who came across the country and should have reached their destination two weeks previous. The country was not surveyed, and the company being lost had to travel over a part of the road twice. It was four or five days before Mr. Budd succeeded in finding them, but at last came up with them about ten miles from Faribault, Rice county. He also worked in Kasota and St. Peter for some time, being variously employed until December 11, 1855. He visited Mankato and St. Peter when there were but seven houses in the former and one in the latter. At times there were large numbers of Indians encamped on the bottom lands along the Minnesota river, sometimes numbering into the thousands, and they often proved a great nuisance to the white settlers. On the 11th of December, 1855, he started for Dodge county, Wisconsin, traveling on foot from Kasota to Winona and La Crosse, Wisconsin. The morning of the second day was foggy and about one o'clock it began raining, but after two hours the wind shifted and the rain changed into a driving snow, which was blown before a strong northwest wind, and not only covered his clothes with a sheet of ice but also obliterated the road, and it required skill and a clear head to find the way. He spent the night in Owatonna, and the next day started out again wading through snow from twelve to eighteen inches deep. It was a hard journey. After four days he reached Winona, and the water was flowing along in its regular course, but after two days, the weather turning so intensely cold, he crossed the river on ice one mile below La Crosse. At the last named place he was forced to remain two days, for the stage company would not take their teams out of the stable, the weather being so bitterly cold. Mr. Budd remained at the New England House, kept by a Mr. Robinson, one of John Jacob Astor's men who went across the continent to Astoria on the Columbia river to secure furs. Four days later our subject reached his destination and there remained until March, selling the land which he owned there.

We next find Mr. Budd in Milwaukee, whence he went to Chicago, then by the way of Springfield, Illinois, to St. Louis, Missouri, where he took a steamer for Kan-

sas City. From that place he went to Lawrence, Kansas, which was in the midst of the border warfare of 1856. In the few days which he passed there he had some experience in defending the town from ruffians of the slave-State faction. Mr. Budd was a free-State man. He went through to the Delaware Indians' country and had to pass one night with the Indian farmers, after which he proceeded to Leavenworth on the Missouri River, but after a few days he went up the river to St. Joseph, where he joined a company of five that traveled across the country to Council Bluffs, Iowa, to attend a land sale, then went by stage to Dubuque. Six of the party left Council Bluffs in a heavy rain-storm and frequently had to bridge over marshy places along the road. The second day they had to walk part of the way and help lift the coach out of the mud, but Des Moines was at length reached and after a night passed there they proceeded to Iowa City, then the State capital, and after a long and tedious journey reached Dubuque. Mr. Budd went up the Mississippi on a steamer and the river was so high that the house in which he had passed the night in December was in water up to the window sashes. That was one of the greatest overflows of the Mississippi that has ever been known.

From St. Paul Mr. Budd went by steamer to Mankato and in a few days started for the Winnebago Agency, where he was employed as assistant overseer of the Indian reservation until July 1, 1856, when he came to Martin county to assist several families in securing locations. He had no team and had to travel the entire distance on foot. This part of Martin county was then a part of Brown county, which was divided in May, 1857, by the Legislature into nine new counties. Mr. Budd here bought a squatter's right to a claim on which was some native timber, for he expected the families before referred to would soon be in need of this for fuel and he did not mistake. He paid $50 for his place and could at that time have secured any claim to the north or west for twenty miles. He also purchased a team and for some time continued to hold his claim, a part of which is now platted within the city limits of Fairmont, and upon the tract is situated his present home. He passed through all the hardships and difficulties peculiar to life on the frontier and has borne an important part in the development of this region. In March, 1857, the chief, Inkpaduta, with a band of Indian braves made an attack on the village of Springfield, now Jackson, Minnesota, and not satisfied with their depredations there went to Spirit Lake and Oakoboja, killing eight persons and wounding more at Jackson and about thirty-six at Oakoboja, and capturing four women and girls. Some of the Indians passed through the county and camped near Fairmont, but were prevented from committing any more depredations here by some volunteers from Iowa. Mr. Budd, in company with a few neighbors, fortunately, had gone to Iowa for provisions at that time, or his own home would probably have been attacked.

This journey into Iowa, made with several ox teams, was fraught with many hardships. They were detained by a snow-storm which lasted sixty hours, and snow fell to the depth of three to five feet. The storm turned to rain, which freezing formed a crust on the snow making it difficult to travel. Places of entertainment were scarce, and at times he was obliged to pay $1 for sleeping on the floor on his own blankets,

and fifty cents each for feed and shelter for his oxen. Owing to scarcity of hay, they had to take the oxen farther south to find a suitable place to leave them for a few weeks. When he returned to Iowa for his oxen he was obliged to break the crust on the snow for four miles, to enable the oxen to get to a beaten road where they could travel!

Mr. Budd now again went to Dodge county, Wisconsin, but after a short time returned to his home in Martin county. In the summer he improved some of his land, and on the 22d of July received information of another Indian attack on the troops on the Indian land, caused by their not having received their pay and supplies from the Government. Mr. Budd, with some of his neighbors, built a fort and prepared to withstand any attack, and he was elected Lieutenant and given charge of the little garrison. There was much excitement and one man was shot, receiving a flesh wound. After a month passed in the fort, all danger being over, they returned to their farms and homes.

In December, 1857, the county of Martin was organized and Fairmont named as the county seat. By the Governor Mr. Budd was appointed one of the first County Commissioners, and in October, 1858, he was appointed Postmaster of Fairmont,—a position which he held until the spring of 1860. At that time the village of Fairmont (or a portion of it) was surveyed and platted in the vicinity of our subject's farm, and in all these matters he took an active part, assisting materially in the development of all projects tending toward the advancement of this locality. He continued in the office of County Commissioner until the spring of 1860, when, in the month of June, he went to Rice county, working in the hay and harvest fields, afterward going to Mason county, Illinois, but after a few weeks returning to Minnesota, stopping at Chatfield and Winona through the winter and a part of the succeeding summer, employed at the carpenter's trade. In the fall of 1861 he returned to his claim in Martin county and was elected to the office of County Commissioner for the Second district, entering upon the duties of that office in January, 1862, and serving until February 20, 1864. He has served as County Clerk and filled other official positions, but again he turned from the affairs of peace to those of war, and in the fall of 1862 and the spring of 1863 acted as scout and guide to the various parties. During the Indian outbreak in September, 1862, he helped to organize and joined the Home Guards of Winnebago City, being in the company one month. He was instrumental in having the State form a line of military posts and garrisons from Fairmont to Madelia and Fort Ridgely and to the north, for protection of the settlers from the red men.

On the 20th of February, 1864, Mr. Budd enlisted in Company C, Sixth Minnesota Infantry, serving faithfully until August 19, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He participated in the battles of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely, together with numerous skirmishes and battles of minor importance. When the war was over and the country no longer needed his services he returned to his farm and his home, and during the years that followed was engaged principally in agricultural pursuits, although he worked to some extent at carpentering. For nearly nine months after his return from the war he was able to perform but little work, his health being broken by disease contracted while in the service. In 1876 he sold a

part of his land—220 acres—to Mr. Percy Wollaston for $20 per acre, but still retains possession of part of it.

Mr. Budd was married in Martin county, March 31, 1864, to Lydia Jane Swearingen, daughter of John B. and Jane (Brown) Swearingen, natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania, respectively. Mrs. Budd was born in Illinois and first married Z. Allen by whom she had two children, Zelpha and Amy Jane. The former is the wife of D. B. Edwards, and the latter married D. A. Dale and both live near the Budd homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Budd had two daughters, Edith May, wife of Charles Getty, and Amy Jane, and both make their home with their father. In 1893 Mr. Budd was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 22d of August and was buried in Fairmont cemetery by the side of her parents. They had traveled life's journey together for twenty-nine years, and her loss is deeply mourned.

Mr. Budd is a member of Phil Kearny Post, No. 18, G. A. R., Department of Minnesota, of which he has been Chaplain and Quartermaster, serving in the latter position at the present time. His life has been well and worthily passed, and in addition to the offices which have been mentioned he has served two terms as President of the Village Board, and in the fall of 1866 was again elected County Commissioner, continuing in that office until 1873 as chairman of the board. During 1867, the board had to secure from the Governor a loan of $3,000 to assist the needy throughout the county. He has discharged his duties with a promptness and fidelity that has won him high commendation, and no more faithful officer could be found. The part which he has played in the history of this State makes him worthy of honorable mention in this volume among the honored pioneers and the founders of the county. The story of frontier life is familiar to him not from hearsay but from experience, and in the development and progress of the county he has been an important factor. When the danger of Indian hostilities was imminent, he bravely prepared for the defense of those who were helpless; when the destruction of the Union was threatened he donned the blue and followed the stars and stripes. When his fellow-townsmen called him to office he was again true to his duty, and in all the relations of life he has ever been the same honorable, upright gentleman that is now known far and wide in southern Minnesota, and is respected alike by young and old, rich and poor.

JOHN H. JOICE.—This is an age of progress, and America is the most lively exponent of the age. In the beginning of this century our country was in its infancy, and history shows no parallel for its growth and achievements. No other country has made as great advancement in the same period, and though the East was the first in the work the younger and newer West is now not far behind and marching on with strides that will soon bring it abreast with the older section. Each community has its progressive citizens who are aiding in this work, and among those in Faribault county is John H. Joice, the well known banker of Wells. We feel assured that this record will prove of interest to many of our readers and gladly give it a place in this volume.

A native of the town of Pleasant Springs, Dane county, Wisconsin, he was born near

the city of Stoughton, December 1, 1857, and springs from a sturdy family of Norway, "the land of the midnight sun." The family to which he belonged was comprised of the six children of Errick T. and Henrietta (Rissnas) Joice, both of whom were natives of the city of Bergen, Norway. The father was brought up as a cooper and followed that trade for a number of years in his native land. He was born in 1829, and in 1849 was married, after which he brought his bride to the new world, locating first in the city of Chicago, where he lived for two years, employed as a cooper. He then came to the new State of Wisconsin, journeying overland from Chicago with an ox team and settling in Dane county, where he lived for some six years, removing then to Monroe county, where he remained seven years. Tiring of farming, he then abandoned agricultural pursuits and settled in the city of Stoughton, where he resumed the old trade of coopering, carrying on a shop for fifteen years and doing a profitable business. The year 1878 he became a resident of Forest City, Iowa, and established a lumber business which he successfully followed from that time until called to his final rest. He died in January, 1889, at the age of sixty years. He had prospered in his undertakings and had made investments in valuable farm lands as well as in city property. He was a man of noble qualities, honorable in all dealings and the respect of all who knew him was cheerfully given him. He was public-spirited and took a commendable interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community in which he made his home. During his residence in Iowa he was for a time a member of the City Council, and for some years was a member of the School Board, taking a deep interest in the cause of education. In politics he was always an ardent Republican, fully believing in the principles of that party. From early life he was imbued with an earnest religious spirit, and after reaching mature years was ordained as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, preaching the gospel at various times and in various places in Wisconsin and Iowa, purely as a labor of love, seeking no remuneration for his services. His wife died in May, 1892, at the age of sixty-eight. She belonged to one of the leading and representative families of Norway, her brother being at the present time a member of the Parliament of that country. The surviving children of the Joice family are: Margaret, wife of Lewis Larson, of Britt, Iowa; Petra, wife of M. J. Pihl, of Forest City, Iowa; P. M., of Lake Mills, Iowa; and John H., of this sketch.

Mr. Joice, of whom we write, was educated in Stoughton, Wisconsin, and at Albion College, of Albion, that State. At the age of fifteen he began teaching school in the winter season, and continued that work through his collegiate course, which he completed by his graduation at the age of nineteen. He then entered upon his business career as bookkeeper for the Lumber, Sash & Door Company of Stoughton, remaining with that concern for five years. During that time he was married,—being joined in wedlock October 11, 1880, in Stoughton, to Miss Emily K. Asbjornson, a native of that city. They have now two living children,—Earl H. and Clyde M.

In 1882 Mr. Joice removed with his little family to Forest City, Iowa, where for one year he engaged in the lumber business with his father, and in 1883 he removed to Wausau, Wisconsin, where he purchased an interest in the First National Bank, and

served as its teller and bookkeeper. For seven years he continued in Wausau, when in the spring of 1889 he came to Wells, Minnesota, and under the firm name of Joice, Law & Company established a private bank, which was conducted under the name of the Citizens' Bank. A fine lot was purchased in the center of the city and a first-class bank and office building erected. Mr. Joice was the active manager of the enterprise, which from the start was attended with success. In January, 1892, a re-organization was effected under the name of First National Bank, capitalized for $50,000, with the following officers: A. L. Taylor, president; P. M. Joice, vice-president; J. H. Joice, cashier; and A. O. Oleson, assistant cashier. This bank is one of the successful and flourishing financial institutions of the county, and is doing a constantly increasing business, conducted on a safe, conservative, yet progressive basis.

Mr. Joice, of this sketch, is the largest stockholder in the institution, and in connection with his interest therein he is vice-president of the Security State Bank of Minnesota Lake, organized in September, 1894. Since its organization in the spring of 1892, he has been president of the Wells Building & Loan Association, a concern which has not only been a prosperous one but has also been the means of promoting the welfare of the community by enabling people to build homes of their own who could not have done this had they been compelled to advance the ready money out of their own pockets. Of the Farmers' Co-operative Association Mr. Joice is secretary, and he is also secretary of the School Board. He has at heart the best interests of the community, working for the advancement of public enterprises which are calculated to promote the general welfare, and is one of those progressive men to whom the West owes its rapid advancement.

In politics Mr. Joice is a Republican of pronounced views, and has served as a member of county and State conventions. He is a leading member of a number of civic societies, holding membership in Walnut Camp, No. 1960, Modern Woodmen of America, of which he is Venerable Consul, and is one of the leading promoters of the order in Minnesota. He is one of two delegates from this Congressional district appointed to attend the Head Camp, at Madison, Wisconsin, in the summer of 1895. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is known as one of the leading young business men of southern Minnesota, but his prominence is not alone in business circles, for his genial, pleasant manner and his sterling worth have made him a social favorite, and we see in J. H. Joice one of Wells' most popular citizens.

FRANKLIN SEYMOUR TOOTHACKER, a farmer of section 9, Rutland township, is a son of Allen Toothacker, born in New Hampshire, in 1784. His father, Roger Toothacker, was a Revolutionary soldier, of English descent, and Allen Toothacker was a soldier in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject, *nee* Sallie Sloper, was born in New Hampshire in 1796, a daughter of Joshua Sloper, a native also of that State, of Welsh descent. Allen and Sallie Toothacker were married in Vermont, and remained there until 1831, when they made a permanent settlement in Pitcairn township,

St. Lawrence county, New York, the father dying there in 1864, and the mother survived until 1889. They were the parents of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, and three are now living,—Roswell S., of Ottawa county, Michigan; Franklin S., the subject of this sketch; and James S., of Kent county, Michigan. Two of the sons were soldiers in the Civil war, Samuel (deceased) and James S.

Franklin S. Toothacker was born in Vermont, February 16, 1827, but was reared and educated in St. Lawrence county, New York. He began life for himself at the age of twenty-one years. After his marriage he resided on a farm in St. Lawrence county until the spring of 1860, then spent six years on a farm in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, next located on unimproved land in section 9, Rutland township, Martin county, Minnesota, was driven from there one year afterward by the grasshoppers, spent one year in Faribault county, and in 1876 located on the farm he now owns, then wild land. His place, consisting of 160 acres, is now under a fine state of cultivation. In his political relations Mr. Toothacker was formerly a Republican, but is now identified with the Prohibitionists.

Our subject was married in 1853 to Nancy Ann Siber, born in Oneida county, New York, July 11, 1837, a daughter of George Henry and Eliza Ann (Ostrander) Siber, natives of the Mohawk Valley, New York, the father born in 1812 and the mother in 1811. They were married in St. Lawrence county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. the mother dying in 1877, aud the father survived until 1892. They were the parents of thirteen children, six now living, viz.: Aurilla, Nancy Ann, John, William, George and Julia. Three of the sons were soldiers in the Civil war,—James (deceased), William and John. Mr. and Mrs. Toothacker have had sixteen children, ten now living, namely: Lucia, wife of David Barker, of Rutland township; Horace G., also of this township, married Katie Davis; Carrie M., wife of Sylvester Cooper, one of the Supervisors of Center Creek township; Abraham L., married Addie Palmer, and resides in Westford township; Benjamin Franklin, Clerk of Rutland township; Emma F., wife of Emery Sickler, of Fraser township; Nettie Isabel; Pearl Ethel, wife of Christian Hansen, of this township; Laura Estell and Myrtle May. The family are members of the Christian Church, in which Mr. Toothacker has served as a Trustee.

QUARTIN SAILOR, a well-known farmer and stock-raiser of Faribault county, Minnesota, resides on his farm in section 29, Blue Earth City township. He was born in Elkhart county, Indiana, June 17, 1835, third in the family of the fifteen children of Jacob and Elizabeth (George) Sailor, his father a native of Monroe county, Ohio, and son of Jacob Sailor. Elizabeth George was a native of Virginia and a daughter of John George. Jacob Sailor and his wife were among the pioneers of Elkhart county, Indiana, and there he passed the greater part of his life, and died, being sixty-eight years of age at the time of his death. His wife survived him until 1894, when she died at the age of eighty-four years.

On his father's frontier farm Martin Sailor spent the first sixteen years of his life, and from the time he was sixteen until he was twenty he worked out by the month. In the

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fall of 1855 he started for Minnesota with a horse team, and after a journey of twenty days landed at the home of his uncle, Moses Sailor, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work. After remaining here a few days he went to Nashua, Iowa, to winter. In the spring of 1856 he came back to Minnesota, arriving the second day of May. Being willing to work, he soon secured employment, and here be it recorded that he helped to build the first house in Blue Earth City. This was the log hotel for H. P. Constans. In 1857 the subject of our sketch pre-empted 160 acres of Government land in section 29, Blue Earth City township, where he has since resided, and by hard work and good management his labors have been crowned with success. He now owns 245 acres of fine land near Blue Earth City, where he has been prominently identified with the raising of fine stock. In connection with his farming pursuits he has also practiced veterinary surgery for some years.

During his early experience in this county, Mr. Sailor made many trips with ox teams to Nashua, Bradford and Elkader, Iowa, for provisions and milling. There were then no roads, and in crossing the streams great difficulty was encountered. He would have to unload his wagon and carry his load across, wading waist deep in the mud and water. This operation would have to be gone through from ten to twenty-five times in making the trip. On his last trip he started with two yoke of oxen and they got stuck in the mud with an empty wagon. From seven to ten days were required in making these trips.

Mr. Sailor was married February 14, 1858, to Miss Phebe Louisa Blancher, a native of Chautauqua county, New York, who came west to Iowa in 1857. They have two children: Martha Jane, wife of Peter LaDuke, and Oscar Edwin, who married Ella Sullivan. Besides their own children, they reared a boy and gave him a start in life when he reached his majority. Mrs. Sailor is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Politically, Mr. Sailor is an independent in his voting.

HON. MICHAEL EZEKIEL LEWIS SHANKS, a prominent attorney of Fairmont, was born in Berkeley county, Virginia, now West Virginia, October 3, 1835, and descended from good old Revolutionary stock. His grandfather, Joseph Shanks, a native of Ireland, emigrated to America in Colonial times. He served the Colonies during their entire seven-years struggle for independence, and was with Washington at Valley Forge. The father of our subject, Michael Shanks, was born in Pennsylvania, and at the age of sixteen years, accompanied his parents on their removal to Virginia. He married Martha Cleaver, a native of Virginia, and daughter of Beason Cleaver, who was of Scotch and Welsh descent, and a member of the society of Friends. Mr. and Mrs. Shanks began their domestic life in the Old Dominion, where he followed the trade of millwright for thirty years, removing on the expiration of that period to Ohio, where they spent one year, and then went to Indiana, locating on a farm in Jay county, in 1842. There he carried on farming during the remainder of his life, dying when past the age of eighty-five years. Mrs. Shanks also died in Jay county, Indiana, when in the eighty-third year of her age.

They had four sons and four daughters, namely: Alice J. G., who grew to womanhood and married, but is deceased; Joseph E. B., who served as a soldier during the Mexican war, and died of cholera at Fort Brown, Texas, while on his way home from the war; Sarah E. died in infancy; John P. C., a prominent lawyer and politician of Portland, Indiana, who served in the State Legislature, and in the United States Congress a number of years. He was appointed Colonel at the beginning of the Civil war, raised the Tenth Regiment of Indiana Cavalry, and served during that struggle, being a member of Fremont's staff while in Missouri, and is now living at Portland, Indiana; Martha M. B. became the wife of Billingsly McCoy, a farmer of Jay county, Indiana, who served in the Union army during the Civil war, and died soon after; Lydia H. M. married Enoch Hartley, a farmer of Jay county, Indiana; M. E. L., of this sketch; and Stephen B. H. became a member of the One Hundredth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, was wounded at the battles of Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain, and now lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Shanks, of this mention, obtained his primary education in the common schools of Jay county, Indiana, walking a distance of two and a half miles to the little schoolhouse. At the age of seventeen, he went to live with his brother John, and while residing there attended Liber College, near Portland, Indiana, where he took a three-years' scientific course, after which he studied law in his brother's office. He was admitted to the bar in 1856, and a few years later came to Minnesota in search of a suitable place in which to practice his chosen profession. In January, 1860, Mr. Shanks located at Fillmore, Fillmore county, where he engaged in practice, continuing until 1866, when he came to Fairmont.

On his arrival here Martin county was but sparsely settled, and the now prosperous city of Fairmont contained less than half a dozen houses. He has not only witnessed almost the entire growth and development of Martin county, but has also been an important factor in its material advancement, and with its political history his name is inseparably connected. The first public office to which he was elected in Martin county, was that of Judge of the Probate Court. For seven years he served as County Attorney, and then declined a re-nomination. A stanch supporter of Republican principles, he was elected by that party to the State Legislature, representing the district then comprising Faribault, Martin, Jackson, Noble and Rock counties, in the session of 1870. In 1879, he was again elected to that office, a representative from the district composed of Martin and Faribault counties. While a member of the house he served on the Judiciary and other important committees, and labored earnestly and faithfully to secure wise and beneficial legislation. In 1880, Mr. Shanks was elected County Auditor, and served six consecutive years, when he refused further political honors, and his son, E. B., the present incumbent, was chosen as his successor. On retiring from public office Mr. Shanks resumed the practice of his profession, which has since occupied his time and attention, and he now enjoys a large and lucrative business.

On the 11th of August, 1859, at New Corydon, Indiana, Mr. Shanks married Martha E. Tyson, a native of Ohio, and daughter of Harper and Charlotte (Jones) Tyson. Mrs. Shanks was reared by an uncle,

her mother having died when she was a child. Her father settled in Fillmore county, this State, in 1857, where he lived until the time of his death, which occurred in his eighty-eighth year. Her brother, Job R. Tyson, was a member of the Minnesota Mounted Rangers, and died at Fort Snelling, this State, while in the service. Rachel Tyson, a sister of Mrs. Shanks, was attending school at McConnellsville, Ohio, at the time of her death. Mrs. Shanks' father and uncle purchased "Woodlawn" mansion in Virginia, which was built and occupied by George Washington, where they resided for a time, subsequently removing to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Shanks spent the most of her girlhood. She was a student for a time in the same college which Mr. Shanks attended, and there the acquaintance was formed which ultimately resulted in their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Shanks have a family of six children, viz.: Edgar B., the present County Auditor; John B., a graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, is now principal of one of the city schools in Detroit, Michigan; Harper A. lost his hearing at the age of two years, was graduated at the Deaf and Dumb Institute of Faribault, Minnesota, is a shoemaker by trade, also a printer, and resides with his parents; Lewis E., who was educated in Hamline University and the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, is serving as Deputy County Auditor; Cora B., who is well educated in music and delights in that science, still brightens the home of her parents in Fairmont; and Abbie F., a well educated and accomplished young woman who studied music in the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, is the wife of J. E. James, of Jackson, Minnesota.

Fraternally, Mr. Shanks is a member of Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., in which he filled the office of Worshipful Master a number of years, and of Fairmont Chapter, No. 50, R. A. M., in which he is serving as High Priest.

Mr. and Mrs. Shanks are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in religious and social circles enjoy the confidence and respect of a large number of friends where they have so long made their home.

LEVI NELSON DRAKE, a farmer of section 14, Tenhassen township, Martin county, is a son of Zephaniah and Phoebe (Middaugh) Drake. The father was born in Sullivan county, New York, a son of Daniel Drake, a native of the same place. The mother was born in Pike county, Pennsylvania, as was also her father, Levi Middaugh. The parents were married in Pond Eddy, New York, and they then resided on a farm in Pike county, Pennsylvania, until the father's death, in 1843. The mother departed this life in 1893. They were the parents of six children, three now living,—Levi N., the subject of this sketch; William J., of Minnesota; and Maggie J. Buchannan, of New York.

Levi N. Drake was born in Pond Eddy, New York, August 15, 1832, and remained with his grandmother Drake until twenty-one years of age. In 1854 he removed to Waupaca county, Wisconsin, where he purchased and improved a claim. In 1858 he located in Blue Earth county, Minnesota, purchased fifty-five acres of land near Shelbyville, and followed agricultural pursuits there until 1866. In 1863 Mr. Drake began carrying United States mail from Garden City to Tenhassen, three years afterward carried the mail from Blue Earth City to

Spirit Lake, Iowa, next from Tenhassen to Winnebago City, thence from Wells to Mankato, and in 1886 from Fairmont to Estherville, Iowa. During his Government service he experienced many hardships from storms and other trials. In 1863 Mr. Drake purchased his claim in Martin county, and he now owns 572 1-2 acres of well improved land.

November 1, 1861, Mr. Drake enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company I, Fifth Iowa Cavalry. He was sent to Fort Donelson, afterward became sick with measles at St. Louis, rejoining his regiment at Fort Henry, was engaged in guarding telegraph lines at Camp Lowe, and then, on account of sickness, was sent to a hospital eight miles from Corinth, remaining there about four weeks. He received his discharge from Keokuk, Iowa. Mr. Drake is now a member of the G. A. R., Phil. Kearny Post, No. 18, and has also held offices in the Masonic order. In his political relations, he acts with the Republican party. He has held the positions of Treasurer, Constable and Supervisor of Tenhassen township, and has been a member of the School Board in District No. 79.

Mr. Drake was married January 1, 1889, to Sophia Basset, born in Canada, March 22, 1846, a daughter of Judge Thomas and Harriet (Lawrence) Nichols, natives of England. They came to America when young, were married in Canada, and during the war removed to Chicago, Illinois. They afterward went to Wisconsin, and in 1862 came to Minnesota, spending six months in Owatonna, and then located in Pleasant Prairie, Martin county. They now reside in Spokane, Washington. While in Martin county, Mr. Nichols served as Probate Judge. They had six children, - - Sophia, John, Thomas, Delia, Amy (deceased) and Hattie. Mrs. Drake is a member of the Seventh-Day Adventists.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SMITH, a farmer of section 20, Rolling Green township, is a son of Christopher C. and Nancy (Letson) Smith. They moved from Vermont to Clinton county, New York, thence to Wisconsin, and in 1865 came to Minnesota, stopping for a short time in Dodge county. In August, of the same year, they came to Martin county, locating in Nashville township, and their nearest neighbor was two miles distant. Mr. Smith improved his farm and remained there about nine years, when he located on unimproved land in the northwest quarter of section 20, Rolling Green township. Eight years afterward he moved to Washington, where he still resides. Mrs. Smith departed this life in 1880. They were the parents of seven children, three now living,—George W., Nancy, Lelila Cross and Hattie M. Oakland. By his first marriage to Miss Douglas, Mr. Smith had one daughter, Elsie Chamberlain.

George W. Smith, the subject of this sketch, was born in Vermont, June 29, 1852, and came to Minnesota at the age of thirteen years. From the age of eighteen to twenty-four years he assisted in the support of his parents. In 1877 he located on the farm he now owns, consisting of 160 acres, all under a fine state of cultivation, and he is engaged in general farming. Mr. Smith spent the year of 1890 in Washington.

January 12, 1876, he was united in marriage with Lillian R. Higgins, a native of Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and a

daughter of Proctor and Juliaette (Willis) Higgins, who has made his home with our subject for the past three years and is now in the eighty-third year of his age. To this union have been born five children, namely: Martin Earl, born June 24, 1879; Charles Irving, born January 9, 1881; Mabel Clare, November 28, 1882; George Franklin, June 1, 1885; and Lela Ruby, July 8, 1889. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Welcome, in which Mr. Smith holds the position of Trustee, and they are regular in attendance at the Sunday-school. In political matters Mr. Smith affiliates with the Prohibition party, and has served as Director of School District No. 51.

HON. BASIL SMOUT, a prominent pioneer of Faribault county, residing at Wells since 1870, was born in London, England, March 20, 1835. His father, M. J. Smout, a tailor by trade, married Ann Ichman. These parents, both natives of Albion's isle, brought up to years of maturity five children,—William, Charles, Basil, Peter and Catharine Margaret. The last mentioned married John Robertson, of Cornwall, Canada West. William died in Madras, India, was a soldier in Her Majesty's service, the Forty-third Light Infantry; Peter is now in Everett, Washington; and Catharine resides at Austin, Minnesota; but it is not known where Charles is.

Mr. Basil Smout, concerning whom this sketch is written, was five years old when his parents emigrated to Canada. His father was a master tailor in the Sixty-seventh Infantry of Her Majesty's service. On emigration to this country the family settled in Cornwall, Canada West, where they resided for a number of years. Young Basil was educated in the public schools. When sixteen years of age he went to Oswego, New York, and was employed there as a clerk in a grocery store for a year. Returning to Canada, he learned the trade of tinner, in Cornwall; then went to Potsdam, New York, and afterward to Fulton, same State, and landed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in May, 1855. In August following he went to Prairie du Sac, in that State, where, May 31, 1857, he was married.

During the civil war he enlisted as a private in Company K, Twenty-third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and, having aided in the enlistment and organization of the company, he was elected Orderly Sergeant, and served as such for a period of seven months, when he was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant. He was with his company through the Vicksburg and Red river campaigns. March 28, 1864, he was detailed and took command of the Pioneer company of the Fourth Division, Thirteenth Army Corps, when with his men he helped to construct the famed Bailey dam on Red river at Alexandria, Louisiana, for which service he with others received the thanks of the United States Congress. He was in fourteen engagements altogether, and was honorably discharged for disability in December, 1864, having served twenty-eight months.

Shortly after returning to Prairie du Sac he moved to Austin, Minnesota, where he and W. L. Austin engaged in the hardware trade under the firm name of Austin & Smout. In 1870 he moved to Wells, Faribault county, where he carried on the hardware business for many years; he is now engaged in trade in agricultural implements, etc.

Mr. Smout has always been a Republican, having voted for General John C. Fremont in 1856, and his capacity for public service and his integrity have ever been recognized by his fellow citizens, who have kept him in office so far as they could persuade him to accept. He has twice represented his district in the State Legislature, has held various town offices, and is at present chairman of the town board.

For his wife he married Emma L. Austin, who was born in Boscawen, New Hampshire, a daughter of William L. and May W. Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Austin were natives of Vermont.

JOHN CLABAUGH, deceased, was one of the pioneer settlers of Faribault county, Minnesota, and one of its most highly respected citizens. Some personal mention of his life and family is herewith presented.

John Clabaugh was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1812, and was reared to farm life and educated in the public schools. His parents were James and Elizabeth Clabaugh, both of German descent. After his marriage, which event occurred in 1842, Mr. Clabaugh continued farming in his native State a short time, from there removing to Crawford county, Ohio, where he rented land four years. At the end of that time he again turned his face westward and took up his abode in Fayette county, Iowa, near West Union. On a rented farm at that place he continued to reside until 1856, when he came to Faribault county, Minnesota, and settled on section 10, Winnebago City township, pre-empting 160 acres of land and buying eighty acres adjoining his pre-emption claim. To the cultivation and improvement of this farm he devoted his energies, was successful in his operations, and at his death, December 20, 1889, left to his widow and children a nice property. Mr. Clabaugh was a man of many sterling traits of character, and was honored and respected by all who knew him. Politically he was in early life a Whig, and after the organization of the Republican party he gave his support to it. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

March 10, 1842, Mr. Clabaugh married Miss Mary Jane Jemison, a native of the same county in which he was born, and a daughter of Joseph and Susan (Ritchie) Jemison, both natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Clabaugh is still living at the old homestead. They had a family of seven children, all of whom grew to maturity. James, the eldest son, enlisted August 17, 1862, in Company D, Ninth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and served nearly two years, participating in all the engagements in which his regiment took part. He was taken prisoner at Guntown, Missouri, and was imprisoned for a time at Mobile, and was then taken to Andersonville, where he was incarcerated. He had had a partial sunstroke the day of the battle, and he did not long survive the starvation and neglect of that terrible prison life, dying July 17, 1864. He was a young man of noble character, and that he was held in high regard by his comrades is evinced by the fact that they named the G. A. R. post at Winnebago City James Clabaugh, in honor of him. The other members of the family are as follows: Winnie, wife of Thomas White, resides in Spencer, Iowa; Susie, wife of John Nichols, resides on a farm in this township; Cornelia, wife of Benjamin F. Pierce, lives in Winnebago City township, Mr. Pierce being a carpenter;

Emma is the wife of John Goldsworthy, a stock dealer of Spencer, Iowa; Luther, who died October 8, 1893; and Elgie, wife of Victor Resche, lives at the old Clabaugh homestead.

MARTIN V. CARPENTER, who has been one of those indomitable men who assisted in the reclaiming of Fairbault county from the primitive wilds and who is recognized as one of the representative agriculturists and most honored residents of said county, well merits consideration in the compilation of such a volume as the one at hand.

A native of Cattaraugus county, New York, Martin V. Carpenter was born on the 7th of August, 1839. The Carpenter family were early settlers of the Empire State, and John Carpenter, the grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in the war of 1812, as were also two of his sons. Grandmother Carpenter was before her marriage a Miss Avery, and she, too, was a native of New York. The most of their lives, however, was passed in Ashtabula county, Ohio, where they died. Their son, John, the father of our subject, was reared in Oneida county, New York. He married Miss Sally Amidon, a native of Readsboro, Vermont, and a daughter of Rev. Ezra Amidon, a clergyman in the Reformed Methodist Church. He died at Waupun, Wisconsin. The younger John Carpenter and his wife lived in Cattaraugus county, New York, for over forty years. In 1867 they came to Minnesota, and here passed the closing years of their lives. The mother died at the age of seventy-six years, and the father at eighty-six. He was a Democrat in politics, and while in New York took an active part in public affairs. He served efficiently as Sheriff of Cattaraugus county. Fraternally he was a Mason, and was buried by the order he loved and of which he was an honored member. He and his wife had seven children, namely: Ruth, who died in Ohio; Iantha Darling, of Wisconsin; Avery, who died when young; Sarah Franklin, who died in Dodge county, Minnesota; T. J., a resident of Verona township, Fairbault county; James. Monroe, a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth New York Infantry, died at Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Martin V., the immediate subject of this review.

Martin V. Carpenter was reared to farm life and was educated in the common schools. He has been identified with Verona township since September 22, 1867, and since that time he has owned his present farm, which was all wild land at the time he assumed possession thereof. He now has 330 acres, well improved, with good house, barn, windmill, etc., and everything in fine order. During the past four years he has been a resident of Blue Earth City, where he has an elegant residence, erected at a cost of $3,000, but he returned to the farm in the fall of 1894.

Mr. Carpenter was married July 4, 1861, to Sylvia Macomber, who was born and reared in Wyoming county, New York, daughter of William H. and Harriet (Balcom) Macomber, the former a native of Ontario county, New York, and the latter of Williamstown, Massachusetts. Mrs. Macomber is a daughter of William and Sally (Laribee) Balcom, and her grandfather Laribee was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. William H. Macomber and his wife came to Faribault county, Minnesota, in 1868, and here he died in 1890, at the age of seventy-three years. Mrs. Macomber is

still a resident of the county, having attained her seventy-third year. She is a member of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Carpenter is their only child.

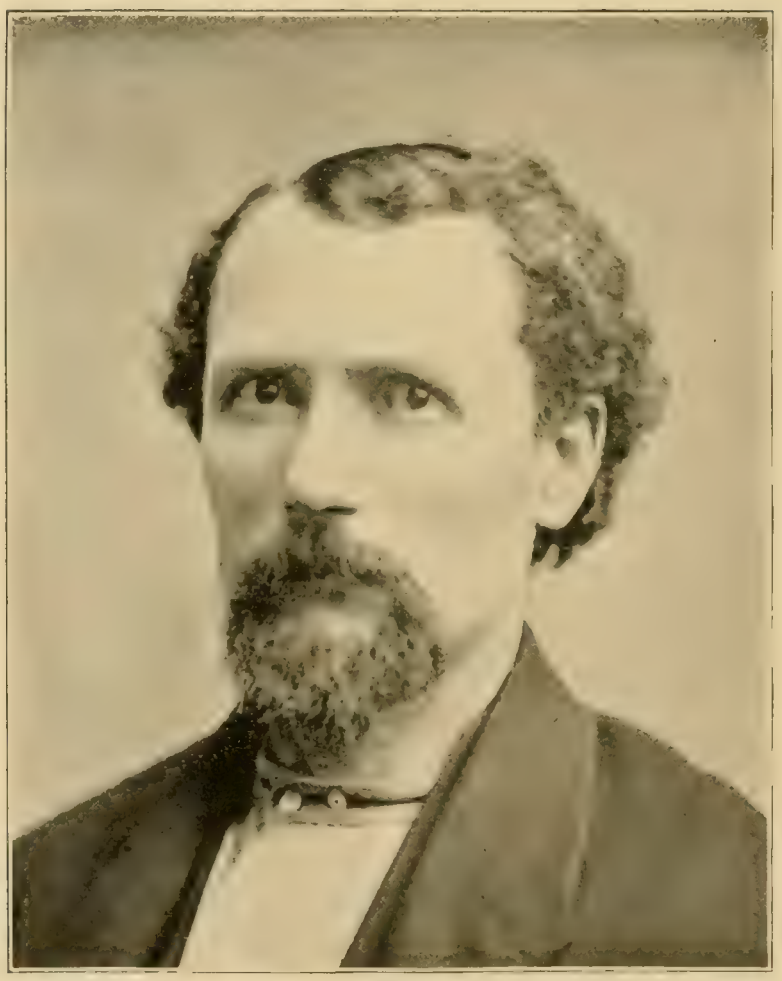
Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have three children living, namely: Mabel, Mina May and Eugene M. They lost one child in infancy; Hattie died at the age of ten years; Ada Belle, wife of Moses Leonard, died in 1892, at the age of twenty-two years; and Erma Myrtle died December 10, 1894, at the age of fourteen years and seven months. The eldest surviving daughter is a popular and successful teacher.

Fraternally Mr. Carpenter is identified with Blue Earth City Lodge, No. 57, A. F. & A. M., and with Orient Lodge, No. 34, A. O. U. W., of Blue Earth City. Politically he is a Democrat, and while he has never been an office-seeker he has served acceptably as Supervisor and as a member of the School Board. Mrs Carpenter and daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

EDGAR BEASON SHANKS is well known throughout Martin county and is now serving as County Auditor. He has the honor of being a native of Minnesota, for he was born in Fillmore county, July 31, 1860. He is the eldest son of Hon. M. E. L. and Martha E. (Tyson) Shanks, and came to Fairmont with his parents when a child of six years. Here he began school at the age of nine years and pursued his studies until eighteen years of age, acquiring a good practical knowledge, which has been of much use to him in his business career. Between the ages of sixteen and nineteen years he carried the mail from Blue Earth City to Fairmont, and in this way earned his first money. He afterward spent eight months at work upon the railroad, receiving one dollar per day, and the money he thus earned was used to pay his tuition in a business college in St. Paul, at which he was graduated in the spring of 1881. Realizing the need of a good business education, he made strenuous efforts to obtain one, and by industry and perseverance accomplished this.

On his return home Mr. Shanks received the appointment of Deputy County Anditor, in March, 1881, and for five years served in that capacity, discharging his duties in a very prompt and efficient manner, so much so that on the expiration of that period, in 1886, he was elected to the superior office and has since been County Auditor. When elected he was the youngest man filling such a position in the State, which certainly was a compliment to his ability and indicated his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. At each succeeding election he has been chosen his own successor, and in 1894 was again elected, so that when his present term expires he will have served for ten years as County Auditor, while his connection with the office will cover a period of fifteen years —a record of which he may well be proud.

In 1882 Mr. Shanks became a member of Company D, Second Minnesota National Guards, and served as Corporal for a time. He was afterward made First Sergeant, later Color Sergeant, then Second Lieutenant, and, in December, 1894, he was elected to the Captaincy of the company, which position he still retains. His company occupies second rank in the regiment, and under the able leadership of Captain Shanks it will no doubt win higher honors. Our subject is also serving as a member of the Board of Education, to which position he was first elected in July, 1891, his re-election dating July, 1894. In



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May, 1891, and at each succeeding election, he has been chosen a member of the board of directors of the Fairmont Building & Loan Association. He affiliates with Fairmont Lodge, No. 70, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs and was sent as the representative of his lodge to the Grand Lodge in 1892, being at present Captain of the Degree Team.

On the 15th of April, 1883, was celebrated the marriage of Captain Shanks and Miss Lilly Meteer, who was born near Springfield, Illinois, July 4, 1857, and who, when about ten years of age became a resident of St. Charles, Minnesota, removing thence to Martin county eight years later. To our subject and his wife were born four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Ivan, Etta, Mabel, and Marc. Wherever Captain Shanks is known he is honored and respected, whether in social, political or military circles and wherever he goes he wins friends. His long continuance in public office, his advancement to the Captaincy of his company and his connection with educational interests show that he has the high regard of all, and therefore we take great pleasure in presenting to our readers this brief record of his life.

CHARLES S. DUNBAR, who carries on general farming on section 17, Foster township, Faribault county, claims New York as the State of his nativity, Seneca, Ontario county, as the locality of his birth, and May 16, 1831, as the date. The Dunbar family was founded in America in early Colonial days by members of the family who emigrated from county Merle, Scotland. The great-grandfather of our subject, Asa Dunbar, was born in Massachusetts, about the year 1730, and was a man of prominence in the community in which he made his home. Of gigantic stature, six feet and a half in height, every one knew Asa Dunbar, and his sterling worth commanded the respect of all. The grandfather, Joshua Dunbar, was born in the old historic town of Barnstable, on Cape Cod, in the year 1763, and during the last two years of the Revolutionary war aided the Colonies in their struggle for independence. He was for one year a privateer and the remainder of the time a member of the militia. After the war was over he married Lydia Odle, and in 1790 emigrated with his family to New York, settling in the town of Seneca. The journey was made with an ox cart, which contained the household effects as well as the family. Mr. Dunbar entered land and settled in the wilderness, becoming one of the pioneers of that region. He spent his life in clearing away the forest and developing his land, and a fine farm resulted from his labors; and there he and his wife were buried. From a feeling of pride he would receive no pension for his services in the war of the Revolution, but after his death one was granted his widow throughout the remainder of her life.

Joshua Dunbar, father of our subject, was born on the family homestead in Seneca, New York, on the 28th of October, 1802, and in 1834 removed to Niagara county, New York, settling in the town of Royalton, where he lived until 1846, at which time, accompanied by his family, he emigrated to Rock county, Wisconsin, and lived in Magnolia township until 1859. Then he removed to Freeborn county, Minnesota, taking up his residence in the town of Bancroft, where he continued for twenty years, and in 1879 he came to Foster township, Faribault

county, spending his last days in the home of his son, dying in 1885, at the age of eighty-three years. During his active business life he carried on farming and won success in his undertakings. He was a man of more than average intelligence, a great reader who through life kept himself well informed on all the questions and events of the day. Broad-minded and progressive, there was nothing little or contracted in his nature, and his many excellencies won him high esteem. In his early manhood he married Jane Marble, who was born in Vienna, New York, a daughter of Ephraim Marble, a native of Massachusetts, whose remote anscestors were of English birth. The great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Dunbar, Abraham Marble, emigrated to this country from old Albion and settled in the Massachusetts Colony in the memorable year of 1776, which saw the birth of this nation.

The only son of Joshua and Jane Dunbar is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He lived in the county of his nativity until two years of age, and was then taken by his parents to Niagara county, New York, where he remained until fifteen years of age,—the time of his arrival in the Mississippi valley. From 1846 until 1850 he was a resident of Wisconsin, and in the latter year went to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific slope. Like thousands of others he was thrilled with the thought that he might rapidly acquire a fortune in the newly discovered Eldorado, but only varying success came to him during the four years in which he engaged in mining in the Golden State. Thinking that the opportunities of the East equaled those of that region, he returned to his old home in Wisconsin, was married and settled down to the routine of farm life.

It was in September, 1854, that Mr. Dunbar led to the marriage altar Miss Ellen Maria Thomas, daughter of Asaph Upham and Mary C. (Flint) Thomas, the former born in New Jersey in 1812. The mother of Mrs. Dunbar was a sister of the mother of the celebrated Ben Wade. His wife's people were of Connecticut, and her father was one of the heroes of the Revolution, serving as an officer in that ever memorable struggle for independence. His uniform is now in possession of his descendants. To Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar have been born ten children, who are yet living, namely: Edna, wife of W. J. Taylor, of Wells; Thomas Jay, a farmer of Foster township, Fairbault county; Oscar, a painter, of Wells; Ada Ruth, at home; Nellie, wife of J. C. Stearns, of Wells; Hattie A., wife of L. A. Rice, of South Dakota; Grant, who is now serving as City Marshal of Wells; Mark Asaph, also living in Wells; May Centennial, at home; and Delos Flint, who completes the family.

Upon his marriage Mr. Dunbar settled in the Badger State, where he continued for four years, when in 1858 he came to Minnesota, settling in Bancroft township, Freeborn county, where he lived for three years. The year 1861 witnessed his arrival in Faribault county. He pre-empted 160 acres of Government land on sections 17 and 20, and afterward homesteaded the same, and he was the first settler south of Rice lake. He has since lived on his farm and has transformed the once wild tract of land into rich and fertile fields, and many improvements in the way of fences and buildings add to the value and attractive appearance of the place.

His farm labors were suspended for a time in 1863, when he offered his services to his country and was assigned to Company K, Second Minnesota Cavalry. His duty

was on the frontier, fighting the Indians and building stockades, forts, etc. He wore the blue until May, 1866, when he was honorably discharged and returned at once to his home. He has always been deeply interested in the development of this region, realizing its vast resources and aiding in bringing these forth. He has been frequently called to public office and has ever discharged his duties with a promptness and fidelity that has gained him the confidence of all concerned. Whether on the frontier in Indian warfare, in public office or in private life, he is true to the trust reposed in him. In 1862 he was chairman of the Town Board of Supervisors of Foster township, was also Town Assessor, and after his return from Government service he was again made chairman of the Town Board, in 1867. The following year he was elected Justice of the Peace, and has since filled that position. No higher testimonial could be given of his efficient service than his long continuance in office, and his just rulings and unbiased judgments are commended by all. In 1875 he was elected to the State Legislature and served in what was known as the Centennial session. His views are in harmony with the principles of the Republican party, with which he has been connected since its organization. Socially he is connected with Ransom Post, No. 165, G. A. R., and is an honorary member of the Modern Woodmen of America, to which his sons also belong.

Mr. Dunbar has been quite active in his attempts to develop the dairy resources of Faribault county, and in the spring of 1894 was instrumental in establishing the Foster Co-operative Dairy Association. A creamery was built upon his land and the plant is fitted up with the best modern appliances, while from the beginning the enterprise has been a pronounced success. There are at present some forty-two stock-holders, and the business is prosecuted on quite an extensive scale. Excellent executive ability and managerial power he brought to the undertaking, and the prosperity of the concern has been largely secured through his well-directed efforts.

CAPTAIN ALEXANDER ANDERSON, one of the honored veterans of the late war, is now the popular and efficient cashier of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Blue Earth City, and is one of the representative business men of the place, having been identified with various enterprises and interests which have added materially to the prosperity and progress of the community.

Captain Anderson was born in Putnam, Washington county, New York, November 28, 1831, and is a son of William and Jean (Best) Anderson, the former a native of England and the latter of Scotland. About the year 1826 they crossed the briny deep to the New World, settling in Washington county where the father cleared and improved a farm of 140 acres. As his financial resources were increased he added to that place from time to time until his landed estate aggregated 300 acres. He was an enterprising man, and his well directed efforts brought him a prosperity which he richly deserved. Upon the old homestead both he and his estimable wife spent their remaining days, his death occurring at the very advanced age of ninety-three years. In their family were eleven children, and the circle was unbroken until after all had attained to years of maturity. Four sons and a daughter still sur-

vive. The parents were devout Christian people, long holding membership with the United Presbyterian Church, and for many years the father served as one of its Elders.

Captain Anderson spent the first nineteen years of his life on the old home place, aiding in the labors of the fields and attending the public schools where he acquired a fair English education. He then started out in life on his own responsibility and his first independent effort was as a clerk in a store in Benson, Rutland county, Vermont, where he remained for two years, during which time he obtained a good knowledge of business methods. Going thence to Champlain, Clinton county, New York, with his employer, he was again in a store for two years, after which he returned to Benson and embarked in business for himself, purchasing, in company with his brother, James, the old store in which he had first served as a salesman. The partnership, which continued for two years, was terminated by the death of the brother, after which our subject was alone in business at Benson for a year. Then removing his stock of goods to Champlain, New York, Captain Anderson was one of its enterprising merchants for three years, at the end of which time he sold out, and in company with his brother, Anthony, purchased a saw and grist mill at Putnam, New York, which they operated until our subject entered the army.

It was as a private of Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-third New York Volunteer Infantry that he enlisted, and prior to being mustered into the service, he was detailed in the recruiting service. On the 14th of August, 1862, after recruiting his company, he was commissioned First Lieutenant. The troops were mustered in at Salem, and after two weeks' drill at that place were sent to the front. He continued in active service until the close of the war, participating in some of the most important engagements of the long struggle, and wherever duty called he was always found faithful to the old flag and the cause it represented. At Kulp's farm he was hit in the shoulder-blade by a grape shot, but as he was the only officer on duty there he did not leave his post although he suffered severe pain. At Peach Tree Creek he was struck by a spent ball and had to be carried off the field, but soon recovered and was again in active service. His meritorious conduct on the field of battle and his well known loyalty won him promotion to the rank of Captain, and he continued in command of his company until the war was over, when he was honorably discharged. To the brave boys in blue the country owes a debt of gratitude which can never be repaid, but their valorous deeds will live on the pages of history when the veterans are sleeping beneath the sod.

In 1865 Captain Anderson returned to the North, and going to New York city accepted a position as salesman in a wholesale boot and shoe house, with which he continued his connection three years. Since 1868 he has been a resident of Blue Earth City, Minnesota, and one of its most influential citizens. Ere coming to the West he was married, having, in 1857, led to the altar Miss Charlotte Ladd, a native of Vermont, and a daughter of P. G. Ladd. Her death occurred in 1861, and on the 19th of March, 1869, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth Easton, a native of Putnam, New York, and a daughter of George and Mary (Ledgerwood) Easton, the former a native of the Empire State and the latter of Scotland. The children of this union, two in number, are

Fred W., who is a clerk in the bank of which his father is cashier, and who married, July 18, 1894, Miss Grace Reynolds, of Putnam, New York, a daughter of Rev. Dr. J. A. Reynolds; and Annie E. The Captain and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church and are people of prominence in the community, devoted to whatever tends to promote its moral worth and educational interests. He is identified with Blue Earth City Lodge, No. 57, F. & A. M., and politically he affiliates with the Republican party.

Upon his arrival in Blue Earth City, Captain Anderson opened a general merchandise store in connection with his brother John, and they successfully carried on that business for five years, when, in 1873, he sold out and turned his attention to a collecting and loan business. From 1875 until 1881 he was proprietor of a grocery store, and in the latter year he began operation in the insurance, loan and real-estate business, which he continued until 1890. It was then that he aided in the organization of the Farmers & Merchants' Bank, associated with G. D. McArthur, S. Pfeffer and Anthony Anderson. On its formation he became its cashier and has since occupied that position, discharging the duties devolving upon him in a most acceptable manner. Owing largely to his earnest efforts it has become one of the solid financial institutions of southern Minnesota with a sure and conservative policy and careful management. The Captain possesses indomitable perseverance and energy and his well directed efforts enable him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. His life has been a business one, strictly honorable and upright, and naught can be said against the dealings of Captain Anderson.

REV. JOHN NEWTON LONGSTREET, a farmer of section 32, Rolling Green township, Martin county, is a son of Richard Longstreet, born in New York in 1816. His father, John Longstreet, was also a native of that State, as was his father, Orrin Longstreet. The grandfather moved to Canada at the age of seventy years. The mother of our subject, *nee* Nancy Warden, was a native of Nova Scotia, and a daughter of Samuel Warden, born in 1812. The parents of our subject were married in Erin township, near Acton, Ontario, Canada, but afterward located in Wellington Square, Halton county, Ontario, and four years later removed to Norwich Gore, Oxford county, Ontario, where the father died at the age of sixty years. The mother now lives in Hawtrey, Canada.

John N. Longstreet, the eldest of eight children, seven now living, was born in Wellington Square, Canada, August 12, 1839. He remained in the Province of Ontario until twenty-five years of age, and then, in 1865, came to the United States, locating in Fillmore county, Minnesota. In 1868 he came to Martin county, and obtained his present farm from the Land Office then at Winnebago City. He owns 160 acres, mostly under cultivation, and, having killed a native wild elk here in 1873, the place is now called Elk Horn Farm. Mr. Longstreet is a member of the Freewill Baptist Church, but was formerly a "close-communion," and has been engaged in ministerial work here since 1872. He has also been prominent in Sunday-school work, having organized many schools, and has been Superintendent and teacher ever since his boyhood days. He is now teacher of the Bible class at Welcome. In political mat-

ters, Mr. Longstreet is a Prohibitionist, in which he has taken a leading part, having served as a delegate to State, Senatorial and district conventions. At the organization of the township he was the author of its name, Rolling Green.

In February, 1869, our subject was united in marriage with Serena Rebecca Malone, a native of Vermillion county, Indiana, and a daughter of Thompson and Mary Malone, who lived in Indiana for many years, and where the mother died. The father afterward married, and now resides in southern Kansas. He had seven children, three now living. Mrs. Longstreet was born January 1, 1847, and located in Fillmore county, Minnesota, at the age of twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Longstreet have had five children,—Eda A., wife of George W. Rainy, of Martin county; Ida L., a successful teacher; Richard Newton; Nancy Olive; and Charles H., who died in infancy.

ALLEN CORY, one of Easton's leading business men and representative citizens, is a native of St. Lawrence county, New York. He was born July 4, 1845, in a little old frame house 18 x 24 feet, which was studded with heavy timbers, while the rafters were hewn out of the neighboring forests by the father, one of the pioneer settlers of that locality.

The parents were George W. and Mary E. (Town) Cory. The former was born in Grafton county, New Hampshire, in 1814. The family was founded early in New England, for his grandfather was also a native of the old Granite State. Early in the present century George W. Cory removed to St. Lawrence county, New York, where he purchased land and carried on farming until his emigration to Faribault county, in the spring of 1866, accompanied by his wife and all but two of his children—Samuel and Lucinda, who had previously come to this State. Here Mr. Cory secured a 200-acre farm on section 13, Lura township, and upon it spent the remainder of his life, passing to the spirit world in May, 1889, when in the seventy-fifth year of his age. He was laid to rest in the Lura cemetery and many friends mourned his death. He never sought official distinction, preferring to give his time to business. He was always scrupulously honest and exact, and his life was one well worthy of emulation. His wife, who was born May 5, 1814, still survives her husband, and makes her home with her daughter, in Minnesota Lake. She is still in possession of her mental faculties, her years resting lightly upon her. She and her honored husband were friends to the poor and needy and their lives were fiilled with many good deeds.

The record of their children is as follows: Lorinda, who died in Louisville, St. Lawrence county, New York, the wife of Robert Smith, who enlisted at Ogdensburg, New York, in Company G, Sixtieth New York Infantry, served under Joe Hooker, participated in the battle of Lookout Mountain and found a soldier's grave; Samuel, who carried on a furniture store in Winnebago City for a number of years, and is now Superintendent of the water works of that place; he was also a member of Company G, Sixtieth New York Regiment, enlisting in 1861, in Ogdensburg, and serving four years; participated in the battles of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, and after the war, in 1865, came to Faribault county, where he has since made his home; Lucinda, who is the

wife of Jesse Wilson, for the past quarter of a century making her home in the Golden State; Allen, the next younger; Elvira, the wife of George A. Clark, who was one of the early educators of Blue Earth county, where he taught school for several years, and is now living in Mapleton, Minnesota; Harriet, who is the wife of S. A. Bradley, and for more than twenty-five years has lived in southeastern Minnesota, and is now located in Minnesota Lake township, Faribault county; Ellen, the wife of Allen Catlin, County Commissioner of Martin county, and one of its old-time residents; Louisa, who married James Wilson; Mr. Wilson is engaged in business in Los Angeles, California; Malvina, the youngest, who died in childhood.

Allen Cory acquired his literary education in a log schoolhouse near his home. School was held for about five months during the year, and the remainder of the time he aided in the labors of the farm, but much of his spare time he devoted to study, and in that way, and through contact with the world and through observation, he has made himself a well informed man. On the 20th of February, 1865, although not yet of age, he responded to the country's call for troops and enlisted in Company B, one Hundred Ninety-third New York Infantry, under Captain E. C. Knapp. He continued at the front until after the close of the war, and was honorably discharged at Harper's Ferry January 18, 1866, and mustered out in Albany, New York.

Returning to his home in the spring of that year, Mr. Cory came to Faribault county and two months later, on attaining his majority, he purchased 200 acres of wild prairie land on section 24, Lura township. This once barren tract he made to bloom and blossom as the rose, and the farm became one the most attractive and desirable in this community. He successfully carried on general farming and stock-raising until 1889, when he left the old homestead and removed to Easton, purchasing an interest in the hardware store which is now conducted under the firm name of H. P. Edwards & Company. His pleasant, affable manner and his well-known veracity have gained him a liberal patronage, and the proprietors of the store are now enjoying a large trade. He is never so busy that he has not time to devote to public interests calculated to promote the moral and intellectual welfare of the community and to faithfully discharge his duties of citizenship.

On the 5th of April, 1867, Mr. Cory wedded Miss Ella Bradley, a daughter of Andrew and Catherine Bradley, and a native of Ontario, Canada, born July 18, 1846. Her father comes of Irish parentage, while her mother is a native of New York. They emigrated to Watonwan county, Minnesota, in 1866, but both have now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Cory have two children: George A., the eldest, named for his grandfather, was born in Lura township, July 13, 1868, received good educational privileges, and is now the junior member of the firm of H. P. Edwards & Company. He is a practical tinsmith and hardware man, and possesses good business ability. He married Rebecca Quimby, one of Faribault county's daughters, and they have two interesting children,—Ella and Marian M. Minnie W., born January 21, 1872, attended the common schools, and was well educated in both vocal and instrumental music, as was her brother. She is now the wife of Sherman C. Armstrong, who is engaged in operating the Cory homestead.

Mr. Cory has served as a member of the School Board of the Twenty-eighth district and does all in his power to promote the cause of education. In his political views he is a stanch Republican, having supported the men and measures of that party since casting his first presidential vote for Gen. U. S. Grant. He is a charter member of Easton Lodge, No. 197, I. O. O. F., and his son is also connected with the same organization. Reared in the East upon a new farm, supporting the Union cause during the Civil war, carrying on agricultural pursuits on the western frontier and now devoting his energies to merchandising in Easton, —such, in brief, has been the life of Mr. Cory, but this tells nothing of his enterprise, his industry, his perseverance and his earnest efforts to win success, save as we read between the lines; yet his prosperity has been won through his own labors and is the just reward of honest toil.

R. SOLON KING, one of the prosperous farmers of Rolling Green township, Martin county, Minnesota, dates his birth in Clayton county, Iowa, December 16, 1845.

Mr. King's father, John E. King, was a native of England and a son of John King. John E. King was married in his native land to Eleanor Harland, who was born in Yorkshire, and in 1829 they emigrated to America and settled first in Sangamon county, Illinois, where they remained until 1845. That year they became pioneers of Clayton county, Iowa. He improved a farm in Clayton county and continued his residence on it until 1854, when he came to Minnesota and took up his abode on 160 acres of Government land in Fillmore county, being one of the earliest settlers in the county. There he and his wife passed the residue of their lives and died, her death occurring in 1879 and his in 1885. They were the parents of thirteen children, eight of whom are now living, namely: Mary A., widow of Philo Bradley; Robert H.; John S.; Alice J., who married Amos Steere; Sarah E., widow of Francis D. Gilbert; Orpha J., wife of Matthew King; R. Solon; and Edwin.

R. Solon King was nine years of age at the time he came with his parents to Minnesota, and in this State he grew to manhood. In January, 1867, he married Lois E. Morrill, a native of Perth county, Ontario, Canada, born January 28, 1846, daughter of John and Bede (Turner) Morrill, natives of New Hampshire and Vermont respectively. About 1844 her parents removed to Canada, where they made their home until 1860, that year coming to Minnesota and settling on a farm in Fillmore county, where the family resided for a number of years. The mother died in 1860. In 1865 the father moved to Minnesota Lake, Faribault county, and died in Moore county, Minnesota, August, 1882. In their family were eight children, seven of whom reached maturity: William H.; Sarah J., wife of Johnson Stout; Mrs. King, Benjamin F., Margaret A. Remore, Mary Graves, and John. Mr. and Mrs. King have six children, namely: Fred O., born April 9, 1869, is principal of the high school at Sherburne, Minnesota, and he and his wife, whose maiden name was Lydia O. Whitney, have one child, Morrill; Albert G., born February 12, 1871, is a clerk in the Martin County Bank at Fairmont; Arthur A., born August 9, 1873, is engaged in teaching; Orpha J., born August 3, 1875; Harland E., February 3, 1877; and Miles S., October 26, 1879.

Francis Evans

Mrs. Sarah R. Ewess.

In 1869 Mr. King settled on his present farm, 240 acres of land, now all under cultivation and fenced with barb wire. At the time he located here this was all wild land, and his home was far removed from any other habitation. Under his efficient management his farm has been improved and developed into one of the most prolific ones in the vicinity.

Mr. King and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Trustee in the church and an active worker in the Sunday-school. Fraternally, he is identified with the A. O. U. W., at Fairmont. Politically he is a Republican, and takes an active interest in local affairs. He is now serving his third term as Township Clerk, was chairman of the Board of Supervisors for many years, and has also filled the offices of Township Treasurer and Township Assessor. He has always taken a deep interest in educational affairs, and for twenty-two years has served his school district in some official capacity.

Such is a brief sketch of the life of one of Martin county's prosperous farmers and most worthy citizens.

FRANCIS ELWESS, one of the extensive farmers and stock-raisers, residing on section 14, Silver Lake township, claims England as the country of his nativity. Yorkshire was the place of his birth, and the date June 22, 1839. His parents, Francis and Elizabeth (Lindley) Elwess, were natives of Lincolnshire, England, and the father was a farmer, who followed that occupation throughout his life in pursuit of fortune. His death occurred in his native land, at the age of seventy-eight years, and his wife passed away in the same locality at the age of sixty-nine.

Our subject was the eighth child in their family and was reared on the old homestead farm until fourteen years of age, when he started out in life for himself. Since that time he has been dependent upon his own resources, and therefore deserves the commendatory title of a self-made man. He began serving an apprenticeship in a grocery and confectioner's store and worked for six weeks, after which he went to another place and accepted a position as clerk in a grocery, confectionery and high-wines store, being thus employed for two years, in Sheffield. He then returned to his home and for one year engaged in the butchering business and learned that trade in all its details. On the expiration of that period he embarked in business for himself, but after eleven months sold out and began working for his father for fifteen shillings per week. His early life was anything but a period of luxury, and industry has been his most noticeable characteristic through all these years.

In 1856, before he was eighteen years of age, Mr. Elwess was united in marriage with Miss Sarah R. Fowler, a native of Lincolnshire, England, then sixteen years of age. She is a daughter of George and Sarah Rebecca Fowler, the former born in Lincolnshire, England, and the latter in South Wales. In July of the following year they came to America, landing at Castle Garden, New York city, from the steamship Washington City, in which they took passage. Their family numbers three children, a son and two daughters: William F., manager of the New Home sewing-machine business, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Louisa Elizabeth, wife of G. H. Barber,

who also resides in St. Paul; and Annie Lillian, wife of George Elwess, of Martin county.

On landing in this country the parents made their way to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, thence to Fairwater, Fond du Lac county, that State, where they made a location. Mr. Elwess worked for his brother as a farm hand for seventy-five cents per day, and afterward entered the employ of Captain Plocker, owner of a large farm, receiving in compensation for his services only $5 per month. Subsequently he began keeping house and worked on a farm for Mr. Boardman, contracting to grub twelve acres of land for a yoke of steers. Later he entered the employ of Dr. Egleston on a farm, working for $20 per month in the harvest fields, while his wife received $3 per week for services in the Doctor's home. Thus they labored together and at length succeeded in getting a start in life. Returning to Fairwater they there began keeping house, and Mr. Elwess worked by the day for fifty cents per day.

Mr. Elwess removed from Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, to Minnesota, with a yoke of steers, drawing a borrowed wagon, which contained their few personal effects, the journey occupying two weeks. He located at High Forest, Olmsted county, where he was for a time in the employ of Richard Chatfield. Buying forty acres of Government land, he built a small shanty and began making improvements. Not long after, his little shanty was destroyed by fire, with its contents. Not having the necessary money with which to build again, he exchanged his land for stock and started with three yoke of oxen, thirty head of other cattle and one horse, for Martin county, arriving here August 29, 1861. Securing a homestead on section 14, Silver Lake township, he and his good wife began housekeeping in genuine pioneer style, and were among the first settlers in this part of the county. They lived in a dugout the first two winters, and in summer devoted their energies to breaking, improving and cultivating their land. Notwithstanding the numerous losses of his stock by disease, which have been many, and going security for friends, he has been successful. With the exception of a little financial assistance received on the death of his father, and 960 pounds sterling at his mother's death in 1875, his entire possessions are the fruits of his own untiring industry and good management. He is the owner of 800 acres of good land, which is supplied with good buildings, and stock of all kinds, and he is accounted one of the substantial citizens of the community in which he makes his home.

During the late war Mr. Elwess manifested his loyalty to the Government and the Union cause by enlisting, in March, 1864, as a member of Company G, First Minnesota Infantry, in which he served until after the South had laid down its arms and peace was once more restored. He then returned to his family and his farm work, and the story of his labor may be read in the record of his success. On one occasion he laid aside business cares and went to his old home in England, where he spent four months in viewing noted points of interest in that country and in visiting the scenes of his boyhood and renewing the acquaintances of his youth. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party and its principles, and has served as School Treasurer, but has never sought public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests.

CHARLES PENNINGTON, a farmer of section 30, Rolling Green township, is a son of Niles and Elizabeth Pennington, natives of England, the former of Yorkshire and the latter of Norfolkshire. They located in Canada, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1852, and the mother surviving until 1875. They were the parents of four children,—Thomas J., of Ontario, Canada; Henry, of this township; Charles, the subject of this sketch; and Miles Joseph, of Canada.

Charles Pennington was born in Oxford county, Ontario, Canada, August 9, 1844, where he grew to manhood and received his education. In 1865 he came to the United States, spending the first four years in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and in 1869 located on the farm he now owns in Martin county, which was then wild land. The place consists of 160 acres, eighty acres of which is under cultivation, and he is engaged in general farming. In his political relations Mr. Pennington was formerly a Republican, but is now a Prohibitionist. He has served as Township Supervisor, Road Overseer and School Director.

June 2, 1873, he was united in marriage with Mary Rutledge, born in Indiana February 11, 1844, a daughter of William and Mary (Ford) Rutledge, natives respectively of Delaware and Ohio. They were pioneer settlers of Allen county, Indiana, remaining there until 1856, then spent nine years in Dodge county, Minnesota, and in 1865 settled in Tenhassen township, Martin county, the country at that time being comparatively a wilderness. They now reside in Fairmont. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge. Three sons: John, Moses and Aaron served in the Civil war, and the last named died from the effects of his service. Our subject and wife have nine children,—William Henry, Dorcas Elizabeth, James Albert, Ella May, Phœbe Emma, John Adelbert, Frances Grace, Mary Ann and Ruth Adeen.

MRS. CHARLES RATH.—To the pioneer ladies as well as to the sturdy sons, are the development and prosperity of a county due. Their work is different, for while husbands and fathers make farms, the wives and mothers make homes. Each labor supplements the other; and who can say which is the more important? The lady of whom we write has borne her share in the upbuilding of this community, and has aided in bringing about an atmosphere of culture and refinement which makes Western civilization equal to that of the East.

Mrs. Rath was born in Mockern, Sax-Altenburg, in the province of Prussia, Germany, December 20, 1834, and is a daughter of John and Christine Broehl, who had a family of five children, as follows: Gottfriet, who was born August 10, 1822, and died abroad July 5, 1892; Michael, who was born August 8, 1824, and is now an agriculturist of Howard county, Nebraska; Gottlieb, who was born October 2, 1826, and is a resident of Bradshaw, York county, Nebraska; Anna, who was born December 22, 1831, became the wife of Gottfriet Toubert, and with her husband and two children crossed the Atlantic, locating in Illinois. Her death occurred March 20, 1858, at Pekin, that State; Mrs. Rath is the youngest. The father of this family was born in Sax-Altenburg, Germany, in 1800, and devoted his entire life to farming. His

wife was born in Zenia, a neighboring hamlet, in 1801, and died in her native land January 2, 1849, in the faith of the Lutheran Church, of which she was a consistent member. In 1853 he and several of his children, including Mrs. Rath, set sail from Bremen on a three-masted vessel—the Ernest Moritz Arndt, which, after seventy-five days on the bosom of the Atlantic, reached the harbor of New Orleans. Two weeks were passed in the Crescent City, and they then went up the Mississippi to St. Louis and up the Illinois river to Pekin, Illinois, where the father secured employment in a sawmill. Being taken ill with typhoid fever, that disease terminated his earthly career in August, 1853, and he was laid to rest in the Pekin cemetery.

Mrs. Rath acquired her education in the common schools of her native land, and was always considered a good scholar. She remained at home with her parents during her maidenhood days, and on Palm Sunday of 1848 she was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. With her father she came to America, and on the 19th of October, 1858, she became the wife of Jacob Ziemer, a native of Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, who on emigrating to the New World in 1856 settled in Pekin, Illinois, where he was proprietor of tonsorial parlors. Their happy married life was of short duration, for the husband was called to the home beyond September 10, 1859. They had one son, Theodore J., who was born in Pekin, October 2, 1859, and is now a popular merchant of Easton, Minnesota, and a member of the firm of Ziemer & Rath Brothers. He also owns 320 acres of fine land in Walnut Lake township, under a high state of cultivation, and is secretary of the Easton Creamery Company, which conducts a creamery owned by the mercantile firm. He wedded Miss Hattie James, who was born March 27, 1864, and they have become the parents of four children, three living: Florence May, who spends much of her time with her grandmother; Celia Viola and Edna Harriett. Their only son, Charles J., who was born in Easton, died in his fifth year.

On the 27th of October, 1863, the lady whose name heads this record became the wife of Charles Rath, a native of Wittenberg, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, born September 14, 1822. He comes of a long line of German ancestors. His father was a man of prominence in the community in which he lived, and served as Mayor of his village. Charles Rath obtained a good education, and when a boy served an apprenticeship to a weaver in his native village. He then went to Copenhagen, where he had better opportunities of following that business, and there spent six years, when he determined to come to America. In the spring of 1852 he sailed from Hamburg to New York, and after a voyage of six weeks made his way across the country to Kentucky, where some of his friends preceded him. After a year passed there he went to California, and in the Sacramento valley entered a claim and began prospecting in the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas. He and his partner were making money there when the reservoirs above them burst and filled their shaft with water. This caused them considerable loss, and Mr. Rath estimated that his net gains for five years were $800. During his residence on the Pacific slope he visited the British domain and Vancouver's island, and later returned to New York by way of the isthmus of Panama, thence to Illinois. Renting a farm for two years, he next gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, and it

was during that time that he met and married the lady who now bears his name. In 1869 they came to Faribault county, and he secured 160 acres of school land in Lura township. He erected a frame dwelling 26 x 28 feet, bordering the village of Easton, and soon his land was transformed into one of the fine farms of the county. To his possessions he added from time to time until he was the owner of 730 acres—a valuable estate which he left to his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rath became the parents of five children, viz: Mary Ann, who is now the wife of J. L. Herring, a druggist of Easton; Charles J., who was born in Logan county, Illinois, January 10, 1867, attended the common schools and the high school of Mankato, and is now a member of the well-known firm of Ziemer & Rath Brothers, which he helped to establish in September, 1890; Frederick W., born in Logan county, Illinois, March 6, 1869, and is also a member of the firm and is a prominent and popular merchant; Emma G., born in Faribault county, December 11, 1872, is an accomplished scholar in instrumental music, and is now the wife of Dr. L. S. O. Lockwood, formerly of Minneapolis, but now a practicing physician of Easton: he is a graduate of the Minneapolis Medical College; Edward J., born April 8, 1874, in Faribault county, is the junior member of the above-mentioned mercantile firm, which has the largest establishment in the town.

Mr. Rath was a member of the Masonic lodge of Wells, and was a leading member of the Odd Fellows society of Pekin, Illinois. His sons Charles J. and Fred W. belong to Easton Lodge, No. 197, I. O. O. F., and Charles J. also to Wells Lodge, No. 87, F. & A. M., of Wells, Minnesota, and Fred W. belongs to the Modern Woodmen lodge of Easton. He was elected to the State convention of that order, which convened in St. Paul December 27, 1894. Fred W. was an infant when he was brought to this county, and his boyhood days were passed on the frontier farm and attending school. His early education was obtained in the common school, and he graduated in 1888, at the Northwestern Business College at Mankato, Minnesota, at the age of nineteen, after which he was assistant cashier of the Wells Bank. Upon attaining his majority he engaged in the mercantile business at Easton as a member of the firm of Rath Brothers. The brothers are all stanch Republicans in their political views. The second son married Miss Ella Guyette, October 3, 1894, daughter of Joseph and Flora Guyette, of French descent. The daughter was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, March 9, 1865.

Mr. Rath was a stalwart Republican and took an active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and its upbuilding. He was a man of many sterling qualities, whose honorable upright life won him the confidence and esteem of all. He passed away September 26, 1889, and his death was mourned by many,—by a community that suffered the loss of a valued citizen, by friends who missed his companionship, and by wife and children, who lost a loving husband and tender father. Mrs. Rath is now living in Easton, in a pretty brick building which was erected in 1892 and the lower part of which is occupied by the store owned by her sons. She is most highly esteemed for her many excellencies of character, and her many acts of kindness have endeared her to all with whom she has been brought in contact. She well deserves mention among those honored pioneer ladies who

have long been connected with Faribault county's history, and with pleasure we present to our readers this life record.

GUSTAVE SCHNEIDER now resides upon a farm on section 27, Blue Earth City township, but has been prominently connected with the business interests of the county seat, recognized as the leading contractor and builder of Faribault county. Born in the province of Posen, Germany, on the 11th of November, 1855, he is a son of John and Wilhelmina (Meinke) Schneider, who also claimed that province as the place of their nativity. The father was a contractor and carried on operations along that line throughout his entire life. His death occurred in 1867. In the family were six children, namely: Julius, who is now living in Wisconsin; Ferdinand, twin brother of Julius and a resident of Faribault county; Matilda, wife of Carl Krause, still living in the Fatherland; Edward, who is located in Montevideo, Minnesota; Emma, wife of Carl Keller of Blue Earth City; and Gustave of this sketch.

The last named spent his youth in assisting his father and thus learned the trade which has given him such prominence in the business world of this locality. He remained in Germany until nineteen years of age, when, in 1874, he sailed for America, hoping to benefit his financial condition in the land where he believed better opportunities were afforded ambitious young men, and he has not been disappointed in this hope. Locating first in Appleton, Wisconsin, he there engaged in carpentering for two years, after which he crossed the Mississippi into Minnesota. Since 1876 he has been identified with the upbuilding of Faribault county, both in the line of his chosen calling and in other ways. For a time he made his home with Mr. Gartzke, working at carpentering, and when he had acquired a sufficient capital he purchased his present farm, comprising 160 acres of land on section 27, Blue Earth City township. Here he has since made his home, but his time has been given largely to contracting and he is known as the leading man in his line of business in the locality. His expert workmanship and able management and the fidelity with which he fulfills his part of a contract has won him a most liberal and well deserved patronage, and he has been the architect and builder of the greater number of the fine buildings of Faribault county. He took the contract for the erection of the Baker Block, the Baptist Church, the Brady residence, the German Evangelical Church, all of Blue Earth City; also erected the German State Bank building and the Barnes Hotel of Wells. Thus on all sides stand monuments to his handiwork, while his many patrons attest the efficiency of his skill and labor. His own home is a fine residence,—one of the best in his neighborhood. In connection with his other interests he holds stock in the sash and blind factory of Blue Earth City, which was established in 1891 and is now on a good paying basis.

On the 2d of December, 1880, was celbrated a marriage which united the destinies of Mr. Schneider and Miss Louisa Fenske, and their union has been blessed with six children, namely: Eugenia, Emma, Martin, Mary, Arthur and Albert. With this family also lives the mother of our subject, who became a member of the household on her emigration to America in 1890.

Socially Mr. Schneider is a member of the Orient Lodge, No. 34, A. O. U. W.,

and his wife is connected with the Evangelical Church. He came to this country without means, but resolved to win success if he could accomplish it by energy and perseverance. These have characterized his entire career. His diligence and continued application brought him prosperity, and from an obscure workman he became the leading contractor of his adopted county. His example may well serve to encourage others, who like himself, have to start out in life empty-handed, for he has demonstrated what can be done by those who are not afraid to work. Through his entire business career he has so conducted himself as to win the confidence and regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and with pleasure we present his sketch to our readers.

JAMES FRANCIS HINES, one of the leading and influential citizens of Martin county, is now living on a farm in Westford township and is serving as chairman of the Town Board of Supervisors. He is respected and honored throughout the community, and we feel assured that the record of his life will prove of interest to many of our readers. A native of the State of Wisconsin, he was born on the 20th of May, 1864, and is of Irish lineage. His parents, John and Mary (Mackey) Hines, were both natives of the Emerald Isle, the former born in county Queens, the latter in county Mayo. When twenty-four years of age the father bade adieu to home and friends and crossed the Atlantic, settling in New Brunswick, where he remained for three years. In 1837 he came to the United States and for some years was a resident of Dane county, Wisconsin. Thirty years ago he removed to Owatonna, Minnesota, and the following year came to Martin county, settling in Pleasant Prairie township upon a wild farm. He was one of the three first men to locate in that township, and there made a permanent home, devoting his time and energies to general farming. The once wild and waste prairie was transformed into rich and fertile fields, and good improvements were added to the place. His life was well and worthily passed, and in April, 1894, he was called to the home beyond. His wife still survives him and has reached the age of seventy-eight years.

In the family of this worthy couple were ten children, seven of whom are yet living, namely: Mrs. Mary Hayden, Edward, Thomas, John, Mrs. Julia Cool, Mrs. Catherine Walker and James. One son, Edward, was a soldier in the Civil war. The parents both held membership in the Catholic Church.

During his early childhood Mr. Hines of this sketch was brought by his parents to Martin county and was reared to manhood upon the old home farm, while his educational privileges were those offered by the district schools of the neighborhood. When his youthful years were over, desiring to see more of the country, he made a trip to the West, visiting the Black Hills, Miles City and western Montana, remaining a year and a half. Since his return he has followed farming, and is now the owner of 160 acres of good land, comprising one of the best farms of the county. The owner is a young man possessed of a laudable ambition, untiring energy and perseverance, and his life work will undoubtedly be crowned with prosperity.

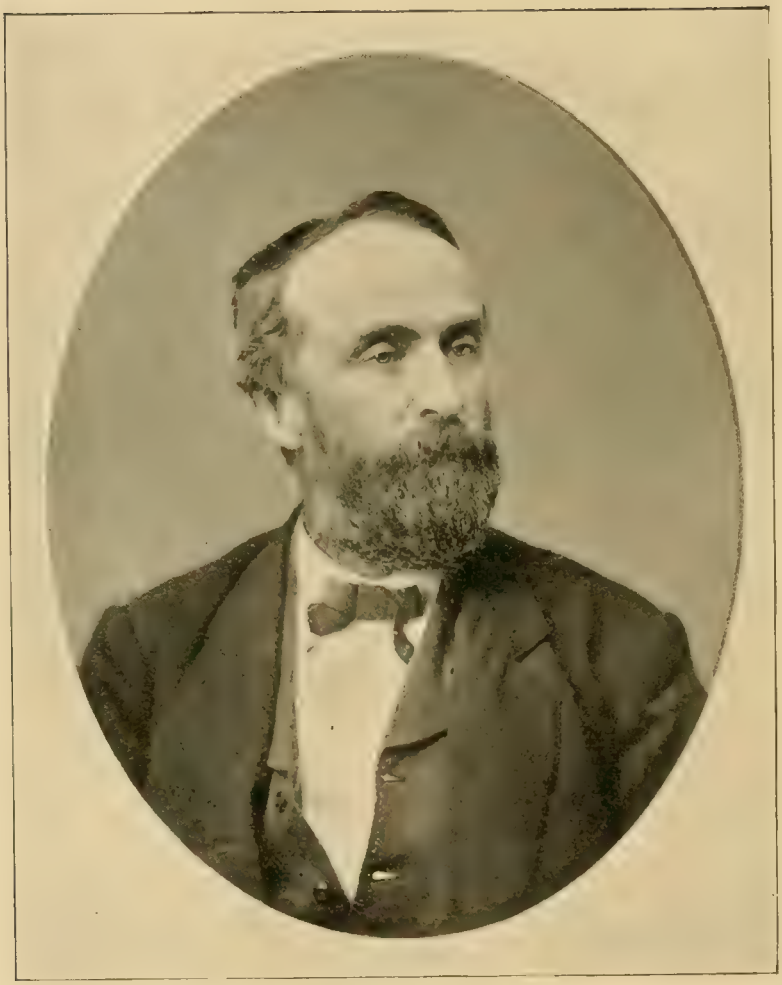
In 1888 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hines and Minnie A. Murphy. Mrs.

Hines was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, August 14, 1864, and is a daughter of John and Catharine (Thornton) Murphy, both of whom were natives of county Cavan, Ireland. Her father came to America when a youth of fourteen summers and was married in Manchester, New Hampshire. He afterward removed with his family to Lowell, Massachusetts, where he remained for four years, and then came to Martin county, in May, 1865, settling on a tract of wild land on which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made. Mr. Murphy died in April, 1893, surviving his wife a very short time, her death having occurred in February of the same year. They were communicants of the Catholic Church and had two children, Mrs. Hines and John. The wife of our subject is a cultured and refined lady, was educated in the Mankato Normal School of Mankato, Minnesota, and was a successful teacher prior to her marriage. Her father long served as Postmaster of Horicon, and in 1894 she was appointed to the same position, which she is now acceptably filling. Mr. and Mrs. Hines are the parents of three interesting children who are the light and life of their home,—Theodore John, Mary Lillian and William Harry.

Mr. Hines exercises his right of franchise in support of the man and measures of the Democracy and takes quite an active interest in local politics. He has for some time served as a member of the Town Board of Supervisors and is now chairman of that body. Devoted to the best interests of the community, he discharges his duties with a promptness and fidelity that has won him the commendation of all concerned and attests his loyalty as a citizen. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Catholic Church and sustain an enviable position in social circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society.

ELMER H. FRANKLIN, a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Faribault county, now follows farming and stockraising on section 19, Blue Earth City township, where he owns and operates 228 acres of valuable land, which is under a high state of cultivation and improved with all modern conveniences and accessories. The rich fields, well tilled, yield to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestows upon them, and in addition to general farming he makes a specialty of the breeding of hogs. Thus busily his life is passed, and labor has brought to him its reward.

Mr. Franklin claims New York as the State of his nativity, for he was born in Cattaraugus county, January 7, 1849, and is the second son of John Franklin. When he was three years of age his parents removed to Wisconsin, locating in Columbia county, and hence the West has been his home during the greater portion of his life. He remained in the Badger State until fourteen years of age, since which time he has resided mostly in Minnesota. His education was obtained in the common schools, and he gave to his father the benefit of his services upon the home farm until sixteen years of age, when he started out to make his own way in the world. He learned the blacksmith's trade, serving a two-years' apprenticeship, and then worked as a journeyman for four years in Iowa and Kansas City, Missouri, also spending a similar period in the State of Kansas.



D. D. Gilman.

Mr. Franklin then abandoned his trade, and, going to Texas, embarked in the stock business, driving stock to Idaho and then returning to the Lone Star State. He was thus employed during the succeeding seven years, after which he returned to Jackson county, Minnesota, spending at that time nearly one year in the State. Going to the Black Hills, he next embarked in mining and also engaged in hunting, being one of the first white men to go to that country. It was in the year 1875 that Mr. Franklin went to the Black Hills, and there among the pioneers, living the life of the typical frontiersman, he continued until 1882, when he purchased a part of his present farm in Faribault county. A part of his present landed possessions was also at one time owned by his father. The past twelve years he has here passed, successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits, and he is now numbered among the well-to-do farmers of the community.

Mr. Franklin was married on the 6th of September, 1889, to Miss Jennie Scott, one of Wisconsin's daughters. Her father, Hugh Scott, formerly lived in Pilot Grove, Minnesota. Two children have been born to them—Catherine and Ida.

Mr. Franklin is a member of Blue Earth City Lodge, No. 57, A. F. & A. M., and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His wife holds membership with the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is an uncompromising Republican and for three years he served as Marshal of Blue Earth City, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity which won him the confidence of all concerned. Such in brief is the history of his life, but the details are unwritten,—the story of his early struggles, his interesting and ofttimes thrilling experiences in the unsettled West, and the efforts to achieve prosperity which have at length been crowned with success.

HON. HORACE HENRY GILMAN has been identified with the interests of Winnebago City township, Faribault county, Minnesota, since 1857, and is one of the representative farmers and public-spirited citizens of southern Minnesota.

He is a native of the town of Effingham, New Hampshire, born October 31, 1833, a son of Joshua and Sarah (Warren) Gilman, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Maine. His maternal grandfather, Major James Warren, served in the war of 1812, and was wounded at Lundy's Lane. General Joseph Warren, who was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill, was the great grandfather of our subject's mother. The Warrens were among the very earliest settlers of New England. Joshua Gilman was a tanner and shoemaker, and spent his entire life in New Hampshire; he also served in the war of 1812, for which he received a land warrant for 160 acres. He had six sons and six daughters, all of whom grew to maturity and became heads of families except two. Their names are as follows: William Warren, residing at Great Falls, New Hampshire; Sarah, wife of John Warren, Standish, Maine; Lorenzo, who was commissioned Captain in the Union army during the war, and is deceased; Caroline, widow of Ranslea Towle, at Freedom, New Hampshire; Charles, who was wounded in the Civil war and died from the effects of the same; Cynthia, unmarried; Freeman, a railroad man, who died in 1893; Emeline, wife of Freeman Gowen, lives in Maine; Horace

Henry, whose name appears at the head of this article; Isabella, the deceased wife of Captain John White, of Bangor, Maine; John P., who was shot through the lungs at Chancellorsville, and died in consequence; and Victoria, wife of Charles Parsons, resides at the old homestead at Effingham, New Hampshire.

Mr. Gilman, whose name introduces this article, spent his boyhood days upon the farm. The training he received in the common schools was supplemented by two years' attendance at North Parsonsfield Academy, Maine. After leaving the academy he taught school several terms, remaining at home until he was of age. In the spring of 1857 he left the old Granite State for the new and growing West, his intention being to locate in Kansas. That State, however, at that time was having serious trouble, and before arriving so far West he was persuaded to stop at Fulton, Illinois, where he was employed as a farm hand until October. He then came to Minnesota and pre-empted 120 acres of land on section 12, Winnebago City township. He had to go to Chatfield to buy a land warrant of Gilbert & Easton, the distance to that place being about 125 miles, and he made the trip on foot, in the month of March; that was in 1858. The creeks were high and he well remembers having to swim two or three of the swollen streams.

Returning to Faribault county, he devoted his energies to the cultivation and improvement of the land, and he afterwards took up 160 acres under the homestead law this latter tract being the one upon which he now lives. During all the years that have passed since 1857 Mr. Gilman has not only been a witness to the development of the county, but has also done nobly his share toward assisting in its progress. In all public improvements he has taken an active part. He now owns 240 acres of fine farming land, and has a pleasant home, surrounded by a grove of twenty-five acres, which he himself planted.

Mr. Gilman is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, keeps well posted on the issues of the day, and is broad and liberal in his views on all subjects. His first presidential vote was cast for Fremont, and he has ever since voted with the Republican party, except when he supported Greeley. His principles concerning political freedom he formed when a youth, on account of his associations. Early in life he came in contact with the early founders of the "grand old party," his father being an "old-time Free Soiler," and thus belonging to a class of men rarely found in the '40's. He remembers clearly the thick-set figure of John P. Hale, who often stopped at his father's house when stumping New Hampshire, and loved to hear his grand speeches in defense of free soil. He also recollects well—for he was an eye witness—the mob's attempt to rescue the slave Burns from the United States marshal while confined in the courthouse on Courthouse Square in Boston. Every window was broken in, the doors smashed to pieces and the Deputy United States marshal shot dead as he was keeping the mob at bay. He participated in the naval celebration of laying the keel of that fine cruiser, the Merrimac, built at Charleston Navy Yard by the United States and sailed the old flag in all parts of the known seas; but in an evil hour, at the dawn of the rebellion, was caught, in company with many a gallant ship, in the inhospitable Norfolk Navy Yard, and was burned to the water's edge, scuttled and sunk, in order

to keep it out of rebel hands. The merits of that fine cruiser were so well known to the Southern naval officers that they raised the hull and sheeted it over with railroad iron, in order to use it as a rebel ram in the destruction of Northern commerce and Northern cities. For that fine vessel to float the "Stars and Bars" was a great disloyalty. After a feeble attempt to show its former power, sending the Cumberland to the bottom of the harbor and stranding the gallant Minnesota, it lay waste all before it until the little Monitor, despised by the once noble Merrimac, sent a solid shot through its vitals and the once proud Merrimac now lies 'neath the placid waters of the James.

Mr. Gilman has held various township and county offices, and in 1877–8 was elected to the State Legislature, and was re-elected in 1878, serving two terms.

He has been twice married—first, in October, 1880, to Miss Sophia Quiggle, who died two years later, in August, 1882, leaving one child, William. In 1883 Mr. Gilman married Johanna Shatz, and they have three children—John, Lorenzo and Horace Henry.

WILLIAM BAUGHMAN, a farmer of section 22, Rolling Green township, Martin county, was born in Athens county, Ohio, July 22, 1850, a son of John and Elizabeth Ann (Jones) Baughman, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Ohio. They made a permanent home in Athens county, where the father died in 1878, and the mother still resides on the old farm there, aged sixty-eight years. They were the parents of ten children, all now living.

William Baughman, our subject, was reared and educated at his native place. From 1879 to 1882 he farmed on rented land in Gentry county, Missouri. In 1883 he located on his present farm of 320 acres in Martin county, Minnesota, 200 acres of which is under a fine state of cultivation, and he has erected a good residence, barns and made many other improvements. In his political relations Mr. Baughman affiliates with the Republican party, and has held the positions of Supervisor and Treasurer of the school district No. 42. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

Mr. Baughman was married in 1872, to Eliza A. Knowlton, born in Pomeroy, Ohio, July 26, 1854. To this union were born three children,—Elmina, L. Mary and a son. The wife and mother died August 18, 1891, and in the following September the son also departed this life. Mrs. Baughman was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ALFRED CHARLES FREY, the efficient and popular cashier of the Martin County Bank, has the honor of being a native of Minnesota, his birth having occurred in Minneapolis, on the 1st of February, 1872. He is the second in the family of eight children, three sons and five daughters,—of Rev. Leonard F. and Rosa (Kreeb) Frey. The parents are natives of Germany and came to America about 1868. Further mention of them is made on another page of this work.

A. C. Frey went from his native city to Lewiston, Minnesota, and began his education in Shakopee, Minnesota, attending the parochial and public schools and afterward pursuing his studies in a parochial school of Stillwater, this State, learning both English and German. At the age of thirteen he

entered Martin Luther College, at New Ulm, where he became familiar with the natural sciences, mathematics and ancient and modern languages. From that institution he was graduated in 1891, successfully passing the examination in the above-named studies, also in German, English, Latin, Greek and Hebrew, and receiving his diploma and the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His musical talent was recognized while in school and he acted as leader of a string orchestra and of a brass band from the age of sixteen.

In the meantime Mr. Frey's parents removed to Fairmont, Minnesota, whither he now made his way. They had wished him to study theology and enter the ministry, but on account of a chronic throat trouble he postponed his theological studies, as he supposed for a year, but as his throat difficulty grew worse he gave up the idea of ministerial work. During his first year in Fairmont he pursued his studies at home and also taught German and music. In May, 1892, he entered the Martin County Bank as clerk, and his adaptability for the work and his prompt and faithful performance of duty rapidly won him promotion. In 1893 he was made assistant cashier and in 1894 he was promoted to the position of cashier, in which capacity he is acceptably serving. The popularity of the institution is due in no small degree to the courteous and ever pleasant manner of the cashier. The Martin County Bank was established in 1874 and its present officers are A. L. Ward, president; George Wohlheter, vice president; and A. C. Frey, cashier.

Our subject attends strictly to his business, paying little attention to politics, but votes with the Republican party. In his habits he is temperate and economical and represents the best class of Fairmont's young men. Throughout the county he is favorably known, especially among the German people. He attends his father's church, —the German Evengelical,—in which he is serving as organist, and is a member of the Public Library Board. The best interests of the community receive his support, and he is recognized as one of the leading and representative citizens of his adopted county.

ED KATZUNG, a prosperous farmer of Prescott township, Faribault county, Minnesota, was born in Hesse Cassel, Germany, January 6, 1836, son of Joseph and Margaret (Hoffman) Katzung, both natives of Germany. He was reared on a farm in his native land, and attended school until he was fourteen. In 1854, in company with his parents and the other members of the family, he set sail from Bremen for America, and after a voyage of six weeks landed at New York city. From there they directed their course to Rockford, Winnebago county, Illinois, where they made their home on a farm for seven years. The mother died in Winnebago county. The four children composing the Katzung family are as follows: Ed, Valentine, Bernhardt and Elizabeth. Valentine was a Union soldier in the late war and is now a respected citizen of Freeborn county, Minnesota.

Ed Katzung remained in Illinois until he was twenty-five years of age. He then went to Columbia county, Wisconsin, and in 1863 came from there to his present location in Faribault county, making the journey by wagon. Here he took claim to 160 acres on section twenty-nine, Prescott township, and secured title to the same under the homestead act. His farm now comprises

320 acres, and is one of the finest in the township. The little log shanty that he built when he first located here has long since been replaced by a modern two-story residence, located on a natural building site, and among the other improvements we note a nice barn, granary, machine and wagon house, and a fine grove of three acres. The general appearance of the whole place is indicative of thrift and at once stamps the owner as a thoroughgoing farmer. His farm is well stocked with cattle, horses and hogs, and his crops are diversified.

Mr. Katzung was married March 3, 1861, to Miss Anna Dora Lodena Eberlein, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth Eberlein, her parents now being residents of this township. They have had nine children, all living except their fifth born, which died in infancy, their names being as follows: Louisa W., of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Amanda, wife of J. C. Lewis, of Minneapolis; Anna K., wife of R. E. Cummings, Blue Earth City, has two children; and Edwin M., Marguerite Lorenda, Frederick C., George H. and Carl G., at home.

Politically, Mr. Katzung is an independent. He has served his township two years as Supervisor, and has also rendered efficient service as a member of the School Board. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and are highly esteemed in their community.

JOHN HARVEY WELCH, of Winnebago City, Minnesota, was born in Niagara county, New York, March 21, 1833, a son of Nathan and Amy (Lake) Welch, natives respectively of New York and Connecticut. The father was extensively engaged in farming during his entire life, and his death occurred in 1835. His wife survived him forty years, dying in 1875. Of their four children, two are now living,—Daniel L. and John H. The grandfather of our subject, William Welch, was a native of Connecticut, of English descent, and the maternal grandfather, Daniel Lake, was a native also of Connecticut.

John H. Welch, the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood on the home farm, and his common-school education was supplemented by a course in the high school of Lockport, New York. On attaining his majority, he came West to Wisconsin, where he spent three years in civil engineering on the Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Milwaukee & Beloit Railroads. In 1857 Mr. Welch pre-empted a quarter section of land in Verona township, Faribault county, Minnesota, where he made a number of improvements, and located there in 1861. In May, of that year, he was appointed by President Lincoln as Register of the United States Land Office at Chatfield, Minnesota, and in the following October the office was moved to Winnebago City, Mr. Welch continuing to fill that position until the fall of 1866. From that time until 1887 he was engaged in the hardware business. In 1889 he was appointed Postmaster of this city by President Harrison, and acceptably filled the position until May, 1893. He is now largely interested in real estate, having laid out a part of Easton's addition to the village, built a large brick block, and has done much to advance the material interests of the place. Mr. Welch has always taken an active interest in public affairs and has servedas chairman of the Board of Supervisors and as Township Clerk. He was President of the village for a time, and for a number of years was President of the village Board of Education.

Mr. Welch has not only witnessed the growth and development of Faribault county from an almost unbroken prairie to the present prosperous condition, but has been an important factor in bringing about this transformation. In every position in life, whether public or private, which he has been called upon to fill, he has been found true to every trust and has faithfully performed every duty. A man of good business ability, superior intelligence, strict integrity, and correct habits, he enjoys, as he deserves, the confidence and respect of Faribault county's best citizens. He cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and has ever since been an ardent supporter of the Republican party.

Mr. Welch was married in 1859, to Miss Martha Jane Hazeltine, a native of Madison county, New York, and a daughter of William and Sarah (Blisset) Hazeltine, natives of England. They came to America before their marriage, and resided at Utica, New York, for several years. Mr. Hazeltine was then engaged in the boot and shoe business in Madison county, same State, for about nineteen years, and they then located on a farm in Dodge county, Wisconsin, where Mr. Hazeltine died September 28, 1878, his wife surviving until January 23, 1884. They had seven children, namely: William B., of Baraboo, Wisconsin; Elizabeth, wife of Albert De Garmo; Mary A., wife of Josiah Andrews, a farmer of Wisconsin; John T., who was a soldier in the First Wisconsin Cavalry, and died while in service; Martha J., now Mrs. Welch; George S., a farmer of Clark county, Wisconsin; and Burdett B., of Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Welch have had three children,—Herbert N., who married Nellie E. Jordon, and is a hardware merchant of Pine City, Minnesota; Frances A., wife of Dr. Beebe, a dentist of Winnebago City; and Fallie, deceased December 9, 1893, was the wife of Theodore Williams, of Mankato, this State. She left two children, Ruth and Wheaton. Mrs. Welch is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is an earnest worker in all church and benevolent enterprises.

HOWARD HARRISON DUNN, of the firm of Ward, Dunn & Ward, is a prominent attorney successfully engaged in the practice of law in Fairmont, and has in the years of his connection with the business interests of Martin county built up a very large practice, which indicates his ability in the line of his chosen profession. He is possessed of keen perceptive power, is quick to grasp and make use of a point and labors untiringly in his client's interest.

Mr. Dunn is one of Minnesota's honored sons, of whom the State may well be proud. He was born in Jackson county, October 28, 1867, and is a son of James W. Dunn, who was born in Eastport, Maine, and was of English descent. He remained in the Pine Tree State until 1858, when, emigrating Westward, he located in Minnesota. He first took up his residence in Greeleaf, Meeker county, and in 1867 went to Jackson county, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring at the age of sixty years. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth M. Seeley, was a native of St. John, New Brunswick, and there remained until the time of her marriage. She was called to the home beyond at the age of fifty-nine years, and her loss was mourned by many friends, who held her in high esteem. Her father, James J. Seeley, was

born in England, and when a young man crossed the Atlantic, settling in New Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were the parents of five children, four sons and a daughter, all of whom are yet living. Helen A. is now the wife of E. F. Logue; Marshall B. is a dealer in agricultural implements in Jackson, Minnesota; Arthur W. is a member of the editorial staff of the Associated Press, of Washington, D. C.; Sherman J. is one of the editors and proprietors of the Jackson Republic, a paper published in Jackson, this State.

H. H. Dunn, who is the youngest of the family, was reared in the county of his nativity and began his education in the district schools. His primary advantages were supplemented by study in the La Crosse Business College in La Crosse, Wisconsin, in 1886, and in 1887 he took up the study of law under the direction of T. J. Knox, of Jackson. For five years he remained with that gentleman—for three years as a student, then as a partner for two years. He was admitted to the bar in 1890, and the partnership was then formed, continuing until 1892. In that year he came to Fairmont, opened an office and has since engaged in practice in Martin county. His present business connection was formed January 1, 1895.

Turning from the public to the private record of Mr. Dunn, we note that on the 3d of October, 1894, was consummated his marriage with Miss Eva Nicholas, daughter of H. B. Nicholas, of Emmetsburg, Iowa. The lady was born in England, and when a maiden of seventeen summers came with her parents to America. The young couple have a pleasant home in Fairmont, and their friends throughout the community are many.

Mr. Dunn is a supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and is connected with both the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities, holding membership with Des Moines Valley Lodge, No. 156, I. O. O. F.; the Encampment, of Fairmont, and East Chain Lakes Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., of Fairmont. Mr. Dunn is yet a young man, but the ability he has already displayed in the practice of his profession argues well for a successful future. He is held in high esteem throughout the county and is recognized as a progressive and valued citizen who supports all worthy enterprises calculated to promote the general welfare.

DR. GEORGE HENRY REED is successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry in Fairmont, where he has a well-appointed office, fitted up with everything which is found in a first-class establishment of the kind and which will make his work the more perfect. His skill and ability are recognized by a liberal patronage, such as is usually accorded merit, and he is ranked high in professional circles.

The Doctor was born in Belmont, Massachusetts, January 22, 1859, and is of English descent. His paternal grandfather was a banker of Gardiner, Maine, and a prominent and influential citizen of that place. Alonzo Reed, the Doctor's father, was born in Gardiner and became a carriage-maker and blacksmith by trade, owning the smithy which Longfellow made famous in his beautiful poem entitled "The Village Blacksmith." He married Adelia White, a daughter of America White, a descendant of the Peregrine White who came to this country in the Mayflower. Mr. and Mrs. Reed

were married in the East and lived for some years in Maine and Massachusetts, but are now living retired in Santa Rosa, California. They became the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters, all yet living: Rev. Clarence, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Luella, who is foreman of one of the largest book-binding establishments in Boston, Massachusetts; Hannah, wife of Arthur Stewart, who is living in Cambridge, Massachusetts; George H. of this sketch; and Walter, who is also living in Cambridge.

Doctor Reed was reared in the State of his nativity and acquired his literary education in the schools of Cambridge. He remained at home until he began the study of dentistry, which work he took up in 1881, entering the Boston Dental College and pursuing a two years' course. In the year 1883 he arrived in Minnesota, going direct to Cannon Falls, where he at once opened a dental office, continuing to there prosecute his chosen profession for a period of nine years. In 1892 he came to Fairmont, where he has since made his home, and where in professional circles he has won a foremost place.

While living in Cannon Falls he married Miss Harriett E. Smith, the wedding being celebrated in 1884. The lady is a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Charles Smith, a prominent resident of Cannon Falls, a large stock-farmer, also doing an extensive fire-insurance business. He married Elizabeth Dodson, a native of England. The Doctor and his estimable wife have an interesting family of three children, a son and two daughters,—Walter, Lue and Elizabeth.

Dr. Reed is a member of the Minnesota State Dental Society and in his social relation affiliates with the Masonic order, belonging to Chain Lakes Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M.; the Chapter of Fairmont, of which he is Scribe, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America of Fairmont. His ballot supports the men and measures of the Republican party.

GEORGE MURRAY CHASE, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Rolling Green township, was born in Seneca county, New York, April 10, 1862, a son of George and Eliza (Robinson) Chase, natives also of that State. The father died there in 1862, and the mother now resides in the State of Washington. They were the parents of seven children, five now living—Hattie Ingalls, Charles, Luella Douglas, George M. and Marvin.

George M. Chase, the subject of this sketch, located in Webster county, Nebraska, at the age of thirteen years. In 1881 he worked by the month on a farm in Smith county, Kansas, and in the following year came to Minnesota, where he worked out by the month for several years. In 1886 he purchased his farm of 120 acres, sixty-five acres of which is improved, and he located on this place in 1890. In his political relations Mr. Chase acts with the Republican party. He was elected to the position of Supervisor in the spring of 1893, was appointed chairman of the board in the following spring, and has also served as Pathmaster of his township several terms.

Mr. Chase was married in the fall of 1885 to Miss Mattie Frisbie, born in Louisa county, Iowa, July 15, 1862, a daughter of Ichabod Frisbie, of Webster county, Nebraska. To this union have been born four children, two now living—Charles LeRoy and

T. R. Bellamy.

Fannie. Mrs. Chase is a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Chase is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Sherburne.

THOMAS KENWORTHY BOTTOMLEY has for almost a third of a century been connected with the history of Martin county. He has aided in its upbuilding, borne an important part in its development and been associated with its progress and advancement. His name, therefore, should find a place on its annals as one of the honored pioneers.

Mr. Bottomley is a native of England, born eight miles from the city of Manchester on the 1st of January, 1832. His parents, Robert and Ann (Kenworthy) Bottomley, were also natives of England, and in that country the mother died, while the father, having crossed the Atlantic, spent his last days in Martin county. They were the parents of twelve children, our subject being the fourth child and third son. He was reared in the place of his nativity, remaining there until twenty-five years of age. He began life for himself in a cotton factory at the early age of ten and a half years and has since been dependent on his own resources, so may truly be called a self-made man, and for his success deserves great credit. For eight years he worked for twelve hours per day; thus it will be seen his early years formed a period of labor, interspersed with but few idle moments. Ere coming to America his hours of work were decreased to ten and a half per day, he being employed as a weaver and dresser of cotton cloth.

In 1856, at the age of twenty-five, he determined to try his fortune in America, and crossing the Atlantic sought a home in Cass county, Illinois, after which he went to Clark county, Missouri, where he worked by the day and month until 1862, which year witnessed his arrival in Minnesota. Spending a year in Winona county he then came to Martin county and from that time has been indissolubly connected with its advancement. He first secured a claim of 160 acres, the farm on which he yet resides, and in company with William Schofield lived in a covered wagon until a little board shanty could be erected. The wild land under the plow and harrow became fertile, and waving fields of grain rewarded his labors, while the once barren tract began to take on the appearance of a highly improved farm and is now one of the valuable properties of the township. He lived alone for some time, not marrying until 1890, when he wedded Jennie Gaskill. Her death occurred in July, 1893, and in November following he was united in marriage with Mrs. Emma Edson Knode, who was born in Wisconsin and reared in Steele county, Minnesota.

Mr. Bottomley is a stalwart Republican, warmly advocating the principles of that party. For sixteen years he has served as Justice of the Peace, the oldest Justice in the township, and has been officially connected with the schools of the neighborhood since aiding in the organization of the school districts. He was also one of the organizers of Nashville township, for three years served as its Assessor, and is now Township Treasurer, in which capacity he has served for six years. Before his election as Justice he was for four years Constable, and since his arrival in Martin county he has been continuously in office, a fact which indicates his personal

popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen—a trust that has never been betrayed.

Mr. Bottomley was treasurer of the first Farmers' Stock Company of Faribault, Blue Earth and Martin counties, is now secretary of the Nashville Township Stock Company, and was one of the organizers and directors of the Nashville Co-operative Store. Whatever tends to benefit the community or to advance the public welfare receives his hearty support and co-operation, and Martin county owes not a little of her prosperity and progress to his untiring efforts in her behalf. He has walked in the path of rectitude and honor, and his example is one well worthy of emulation. He holds membership in the United Brethren Church, is one of its Trustees and has taken a most active part in its work. For many years he has been a teacher in the Sunday-school, and also its treasurer, and his Christianity is that which recognizes the brotherhood of mankind and has a broad sympathy and charity for his fellow man.

JOHN P. HUMES, M. D., is a leading physician and surgeon of Winnebago City, and one of the pioneer settlers of Faribault county, Minnesota.

He was born in Crawford county Pennsylvania, January 16, 1837, and is a son of John C. and Mary E. (Griffith) Humes, natives of Pennsylvania and of Scotch descent. The father was a member of one of the old families of Crawford county, and was extensively engaged in farming, continuing his residence in his native State until his death. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious belief he was a Methodist, in which church he held an official position for many years. Of the seven children born of his union with Mary E. Griffith, three are living, namely: James B., a dentist of Cambridge, Pennsylvania; Julia A., now Mrs. Wm. A. Miller of Prescott township; and John P., whose name heads this article. William W., who farmed the old homestead, is deceased, besides three others.

Dr. Humes spent his boyhood days upon the home farm, and in the public school of the neighborhood began his education. At the age of fifteen he entered an academy at Waterford, Pennsylvania, where he was a student one year, after which he was for two terms in a similar institution at Kingsville, and, later, one year at Meadville Academy; and in the intervals between the terms he engaged in teaching, which profession he followed for a time in the Keystone State, after completing his studies at Meadville. In 1856 he came west to Fulton county, Illinois, and there taught school four months. The following year, 1857, he came to Faribault county, Minnesota, and pre-empted a quarter section of land a mile and a half east of the village of Winnebago City, when that now thriving place was a mere hamlet containing only a few small shanties. On this land he lived in true pioneer style for about four years, enduring many of the hardships incident to life on the frontier. For a time he lived in a board shanty, 12 x 14 feet, but in 1859, keeping pace with the progress of the times, he built a frame house of larger dimensions and much more pretentious in appearance, and further improved his farm by breaking about eighty acres of land and fencing the entire tract. In May, 1861, he left the farm and returned to Pennsylvania, where he entered into partnership with his brother, James B.,

in the manufacture of oil barrels. During this time he devoted all his leisure hours to the study of medicine, in which direction he had been reading for some years. He remained in Pennsylvania, carrying on various business enterprises, until August, 1864, when he returned to Winnebago City and entered the office of Dr. Alvin Lockwood, as a medical student. In May, 1866, he began the practice of his profession, and in 1867 completed a course at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and immediately after resumed his practice in Winnebago City. Not satisfied with his medical attainments, and desiring to become more proficient in the science, in 1873 he attended a course of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and also at the University of Medicine in New York city, after which he again returned to his practice.

Dr. Humes is essentially a self-made man. Early in life he learned the important lessons of self-reliance, and has always made the most of his opportunities, acquiring his literary and professional knowledge through his own unaided efforts. He inherited a robust constitution that is characteristic of his Scotch ancestors, which eminently fitted him for the laborious duties of a country practice. By devoting himself assiduously to the study and practice of medicine and surgery, he has ever kept abreast of the times, and met with a well deserved success. His kindness and generosity are proverbial. He drives long distances to visit his poor and needy patients as readily and faithfully as he responds to the call of the rich. He is a member of the Minnesota State Medical Society, and is not only the oldest resident physician of the county, but also one of its most prominent and respected citizens.

In all matters pertaining to the public welfare, the Doctor takes a commendable interest; is a trustee of Parker College, having rendered substantial aid in building that institution, and has contributed toward the building of all the church edifices in the village. He supports the Republican party, but has never sought political preferment for himself. For one year, however, he served acceptably as Mayor of Winnebago City. In 1865 Dr. Humes was made a Mason in Blue Earth Valley Lodge, No. 27, A. F. & A. M., in which he now fills the office of Treasurer; and took the Chapter degrees in Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., and has been its Treasurer ever since it was chartered. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

During all the years of his residence in Faribault county, Dr. Humes has been interested in farming and real-estate transactions, and is at present a large land owner. He has accumulated a handsome competency, and his pleasant home in Winnebago City is the abode of refinement and hospitality.

Dr. Humes was married in 1867 to Miss Emma McColley, a native of Ashtabula, Ohio. They have an interesting family of five children, namely: Alice, wife of Clarence Baker, a farmer of Winnebago City township: Ella, who is a graduate of the high school and Parker College, is now a successful high-school teacher; and Gertie, Edith and James Portus. Mr. Humes and daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the support of which the Doctor contributes liberally.

Mrs. Humes' parents were Alexander and Polly (Razey) McColley, both natives of Ohio, of Scotch-Irish descent and farmers by occupation. In 1851 they left their na-

tive State, with their family, and took up their abode in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, whence, four years later, they removed to Portage, same State, where they engaged in farming. On the breaking out of the Civil war, the sons all enlisted in the Union army, and in 1865 Mr. McColley sold out and removed to Faribault county, Minnesota, settling on a farm which Dr. Humes entered from the Government in Delevan township, where he passed the residue of his life and died. His wife survived him some years, dying December 16, 1892. Their children are James, George, Electa, Charlotte, Nathaniel, Emory and Emma, twins, and Elizabeth. All are living except Emory, who died from disease while in the army.

ROSWELL O. ARMSTRONG, a progressive and enterprising agriculturist, makes his home on section 10, Nashville township, Martin county. He has many friends in this community and on account of his extended acquaintance we feel assured that this record of his life will prove of interest to many of our readers.

A native of Wisconsin, he was born in Waukesha county on the 29th of November, 1861, and is a son of John A. and Laura V. (Hollinback) Armstrong, a leading and influential man, now residing in Winnebago City, Minnesota. The parents removed to Martin county when our subject was only two years of age, and here he was reared and educated, the district schools affording him his early educational privileges. He afterward pursued his studies in the schools of Fairmont, and a practical knowledge fitted him for the duties of life. When he was seventeen years of age the family removed to the farm upon which he now resides and which has since been his home. He now owns a half section of land, rich and arable, and has placed nearly the entire amount under a high state of cultivation. He successfully carries on general farming and stock-raising, and his careful supervision is shown in the well tilled fields and the thrifty appearance and the air of neatness which pervades every corner of his cozy home.

On the 12th of November, 1883, Mr. Armstrong led to the marriage altar Miss Ida J. Bursell, one of Minnesota's fair daughters, born in Fillmore county, April 23, 1863. They at once located on the old homestead, and have made it their place of abode continuously since.

Our subject is a warm advocate of the temperance cause and expresses his principles by his support of the Prohibition party at the polls. In 1890 he served as Census Enumerator of Nashville township, but has never been an aspirant for public office. He holds membership with the Freewill Baptist Church, and his life has been well spent, his honorable, upright course winning him the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

JOSEPH SCHIMEK, one of the extensive land owners of Faribault county, is a self-made man, whose excellent success in life justly crowns earnest labor and perseverance. He is now living retired on his farm near Blue Earth City, with the interests of which he has long been identified. He was born in Bohemia in March, 1816, and his parents, John and Rosina (Bickner) Schimek, were also born in the same country. There he spent the

first fourteen years of his life in his father's home, after which he began serving an apprenticeship of three years to the weaver's trade. He was then employed as a weaver in various places, including Hungary, and in that country, in 1844, he was united in marriage with Anna Pahl, a Hungarian by birth. His labors at his trade were continued during his residence in the Old World, but at length he determined to seek a home beyond the Atlantic.

It was in 1853 that he took passage on a sailing vessel which, after a voyage of thirteen weeks, dropped anchor in the harbor of Boston, in the month of February. From the "hub of the universe" he made his way to Illinois, locating in Cedarville, where he was employed as a farm hand for a few months. In the spring of the following year he removed to Osage, Iowa, and made a claim of Government land, but did not long remain in that neighborhood. He came instead to Minnesota and near Owatonna entered another claim, which he at once began to clear and place under the plow. Much of it was cultivated by him and he operated it for seven years, when he came to the county which has since been his home,—Faribault. Agricultural pursuits again engrossed his attention; he purchasing 160 acres of land, of which a quit-claim of twenty-six acres had been broken. The further work of development was prosecuted by him, and in course of time the once wild land was made to bloom and blossom as the rose. As his financial resources were increased he added to his farm from time to time until his landed possessions now aggregate 870 acres. In addition to his farming pursuits he built, in 1882, the first steam mill in Blue Earth City, which he operated about six years, when, on the 5th of June, 1888, the property was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of $13,000. Later he built a brewery in the same city and successfully carried on business along that line until a decade had passed, when he sold out to his son-in-law.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schimek, who in order of birth are as follows: Tracy, the eldest, now the wife of Paul Flakenstein, of Blue Earth City; Anna, wife of Michael Taylor, a resident of Merriam Park, near St. Paul; Joseph, who makes his home in Faribault county; George, who resides on the old homestead; and John and Paul, who are also residents of Faribault county. The mother of this family was called to her final home in March, 1893, and her loss is deeply and sincerely mourned, not only by her family but also by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She was a consistent member of the Catholic Church, and her life was replete with good deeds.

In politics Mr. Schimek and his sons are supporters of the Democratic party. Mr. Schimek came to this county in limited circumstances and the early years of his residence here formed a period of hard labor, but he thus secured a start in life and has steadily worked his way upward, overcoming the difficulties in his path by indefatigable labor and surmounting all obstacles which served to impede his progress. As time passed the result of his labor was noticeable in his increased possessions, and he is now one of the wealthy citizens of the community in which he has so long made his home. His best work, however, is probably in the line of church work. He was prime mover in organizing the Catholic Church in Blue Earth City, which society met for worship when it had a membership

of only nine. They built a small frame house of worship and in that services were held for some time, but in 1881 it was replaced by the fine brick structure which now graces the city and of which the Catholic membership may well be proud. Of his means he has always given most liberally for church and benevolent work, and to no man in Faribault county is the success and growth of the church due as to Mr. Schimek.

GERMAN B. FRANKLIN, Auditor of Faribault county, Minnesota, is a native of the State of New York, born in Cattaraugus county, April 4, 1844, oldest son of John and Ann M. (Amadon) Franklin.

John Franklin was also a native of New York, as was his father, James Franklin, they being representatives of one of the oldest families of the Empire State. James Franklin was a soldier in the war of 1812. His son John was reared, educated and married in his native State. Mrs. Franklin was born in Vermont, daughter of Bailey Amadon, who settled in New York when she was a child. In 1853 John Franklin emigrated with his family to Wisconsin and located in Columbia county, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for ten years. In 1863 he followed the tide of emigration still further West and settled in Blue Earth township, Faribault county. Here he purchased a partially improved farm and was engaged extensively in farming and stock-raising until the time of his death, July 23, 1880. Politically he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. His family comprises six children, viz.: German B., whose name heads this article; Isabell M., wife of M. B. Parker, of this county; E. H., of this county; T. H., of Montana; Ida M., wife of F. A. Kennard, of St. Paul; and Oscar, who died in childhood. Mrs. Franklin departed this life June 17, 1891, at the age of seventy-two years.

German B. Franklin was nine years of age when he removed with his parents to Wisconsin, and his youthful days were spent in assisting his father on their frontier farm. While his opportunities for acquiring an education were limited to three terms in the public school, he by his own energy and perseverance acquired a good practical education. During the late war he enlisted, in September, 1864, in Company F, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, in which he served until the close of the war. He then returned home and secured employment as clerk in a store in Blue Earth City, and later became a partner in the establishment, the firm name being McArthur, Hill & Franklin and continuing as such for five years. At the end of this time he and Mr. McArthur began dealing in farm implements, to which business they gave their attention for three years in Blue Earth City. Then Mr. Franklin went to Jackson county, this State, where he conducted the same business several years. In 1878 and '79 he served as Auditor of Jackson county. At the expiration of his term there, he returned to Blue Earth City, and for three years was engaged in the furniture business, after which he followed farming until he was elected to his present office, in 1892. With such satisfaction and ability has he filled this office that in 1894 he was nominated by acclamation for re-election, by the Republican party, and was endorsed by all parties.

Mr. Franklin was married September 16, 1872, to Miss Sarah E. Drake, a native of New York and a daughter of William S.

Drake, now a resident of Faribault county, Minnesota. Mrs. Franklin was a most amiable woman, a true Christian, and a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died July 1, 1890, leaving six children, namely: Clarance, Anna E., Elmer J., Laura G., John D. and Grace E.

Mr. Franklin is a member of the King David Lodge, No. 179, F. & A. M., in which he has passed all the chairs, having served as Master of the lodge for six years. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W., and the G. A. R. His first presidential vote was cast for Lincoln and he has ever since been an uncompromising Republican.

ELI JOHN READER, a farmer of section 28, Westford township, Martin county, is a son of George and Maria (Cox) Reader, natives of Dorsetshire, England. The mother, who had been previously married, came to America in 1850. The father came to this country later, locating in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, spent nine years in Adams county, that State, removed to Illinois, thence to Olmsted county, Minnesota, and in 1870 located in section 28, Westford township, Martin county. The parents were married in Wisconsin. Mrs. Reader departed this life in 1891, and the father now lives with his son. They had two children,—Eli John, the subject of this sketch, and Mary Elizabeth, deceased.

E. J. Reader was born in Wisconsin, September 18, 1855. He came to this county with his father, where he now owns 120 acres of well improved land. In 1877 he was united in marriage with Jane Booth, born in Middlesborough, England, June 19, 1857, a daughter of Peter Booth, an early pioneer of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Reader have eight children,—Mary Lucy, Annie Maria, Edith Jane, Elizabeth, John William, Susan, Dorothy and George Edwin. The family are members of the Christian Church, in which Mr. Reader has served as Elder, and has been a teacher in the Bible class in the Sunday-school.

In his political relations, our subject affiliates with the Republican party. He has served as Supervisor of Westford township, as Road Overseer, and until the past year served as Clerk of school district No. 74 since its organization.

JAMES BROWNLEE, a farmer of section 1, Westford township, is a son of John Brownlee, born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, in 1819. His father, James Brownlee, was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, but located in Montreal immediately after his marriage, and his death occurred on a farm in Hemmingford township, Huntington county, Province of Quebec, having resided in that place about seventy years. Both he and his son were volunteers in the Canadian Rebellion of 1837. The mother of our subject, Mary A. (Hadley) Brownlee, was a native of Hemmingford township, a daughter of Henry Hadley, a native of England, but located in Canada in an early day, and he improved a farm and died there. He was also a volunteer in the Canadian Rebellion. John and Mary Brownlee were married and resided in Quebec eighteen years. April 15, 1872, they located on an unimproved farm in section 2, Martin county, Minnesota, where they were among the early pioneers. Mr. Brownlee improved

and resided on that farm until his death, April 15, 1881, and the mother still resides there. They have ten children living, namely: James, John, Henry, Margaret Aldrich, Matthew, Robert R., Elizabeth J. Hindman, William A., Isaac R. and Mary S. Abbott. Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee are members of the United Brethren Church.

James Brownlee, the subject of this sketch, was born in Canada April 22, 1855. He came to this State at the age of seventeen years, and assisted on the home farm until his marriage, when he located on his farm of 120 acres. In addition to general farming, he and his brother have operated a threshing machine for the past fifteen years. In political matters Mr. Brownlee affiliates with the Republican party. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Westford township two years, as Township Clerk ten years, Justice of the Peace thirteen years, Treasurer of School District No. 24, and now holds the position of Notary Public. Socially he is a member of the A. O. U. W. at Fairmont.

In 1880 Mr. Brownlee was united in marriage with Adaline Hindman, born in Wisconsin July 4, 1857, a daughter of Rev. J. H. and Sarah (Polk) Hindman, natives respectively of Ohio and Indiana. They were among the early pioneers of Wisconsin, and in 1864 located in Blue Earth county, Minnesota. Their house was raided by Indians during the second massacre, and Squire Mack, who was working for them, was shot dead. Mr. Hindman now lives in Waterville, Le Sueur county, this State. He is a prominent worker in the United Brethren Church. Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee have six children,—Fred G., Arthur E., Annie S., Harry M., Bessie H. and Florence J. Their eldest child, Clarence Edgar, is deceased. Mr. Brownlee is Trustee and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the United Brethren Church.

SAMUEL C. MOORE, a dealer in baled hay, and engaged in a general insurance business, at Elmore, Minnesota, is one of the wide-awake, stirring young business men of Faribault county.

In Green Springs township, Seneca county, Ohio, January 26, 1863, Mr. Moore first saw the light of day. He is the eldest of the five children of George D. and Lizzie D. (Myers) Moore; and of the other members of the family we record that John P. was killed in a railroad accident at Lake Crystal, at the age of seventeen years; that Alberta L., is the wife of Andrew More, of Pilot Grove township, this county; and Winnie V., who graduated at the Blue Earth high school when she was seventeen, is now a student at McAllister College, St. Paul, being an elocutionist of marked ability. George D. Moore, the father, was born in Ohio and lived there until 1869, when he came west and settled in Goodhue county, Minnesota. For four years he was engaged in farming on a large scale in that county, and in 1873 he came to Pilot Grove township, Faribault county, at first buying 160 acres, and later forty acres more. On this place he and his family resided five years, he being extensively engaged in stock-raising, in connection with his farming, and here he set out one of the largest groves ever planted in the county. After living on his farm five years, he moved to Blue Earth City to give his children a good education, and has continued to reside in town ever since. He is now state agent for the Inter-State Building and

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Loan Association, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Of Mrs. Moore, be it recorded that she, too, is a native of Ohio. Her parents, Samuel and Catharine Myers, were Pennsylvanians, and among the early pioneers of Ohio, and died there in old age. The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Moore, was also a native of Pennsylvania. He was one of the first settlers of the Western Reserve, took claim to a tract of Government land there, and was for many years a leading citizen of his community, being largely engaged in farming and sawmilling. He is still living in Ohio, hale and hearty at the age of ninety-eight years, and attends personally to the management of his own affairs.

Samuel C. Moore started out in life on his own responsibility when he was twenty years of age, having received a high-school education and also taken a thorough course in a business college at St. Paul. For one year he was engaged in the hay business on the farm, then in 1885 he went to Elmore and there increased his operations, handling a large amount of hay annually. In 1888 we find him in St. Paul and Minnesota, where he was employed as clerk and bookkeeper. These occupations, however, not being congenial to his taste, he returned to Elmore and again began dealing in hay, which he has continued successfully up to the present time. Not long after his return to Elmore he purchased the home farm in Pilot Grove township, which he now owns, keeping upon it three men, while he himself superintends its operations. Here he raises cattle and hogs as well as grain and hay. His hay business has so increased that he now employs no less than twenty-five men during the summer season, and during the fall and a part of the winter furnishes employment to sixteen men. In 1893 he handled 3,000 tons of hay. During that year he shipped twenty-one car-loads of hay to Paris, France, it being loaded on an ocean vessel at Brunswick, Georgia. The past year, 1894, he cut over 1,500 acres of hay, and this year expects to far surpass that. Since 1890 Mr. Moore has also been engaged in the insurance business. He represents some of the leading companies of the country, and in this, as in his other ventures, he is meeting with deserved success. In 1894 his premiums were in advance of $5,000.

Mr. Moore is a member of King David Lodge, No. 179, F. & A. M., of which he is Junior Warden; and he is also identified with the A. O. U. W. at Elmore, being a charter member.

THOMAS J. CARPENTER, one of the prominent men of Verona township, Faribault county, Minnesota, dates his arrival here in 1868, and since that time has been identified with the agricultural interests of the county.

He was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, November 1, 1833. His father and grandfather were both named John Carpenter. The latter was born either in Vermont or New York,—it is not known which,—and was a soldier in the war of 1812, as also were two of his sons. He married a Miss Avary, and after living in New York for some years they moved to Ohio, where they spent the rest of their lives and died. Their son John, above alluded to, was born in Onondaga county, New York, May 17, 1803, and was reared on a farm in his native State. When he was twenty-one he married Miss Sally Amidon, a native of Readsboro, Vermont, and a daughter of Rev. Ezra Amidon,

a minister of the Reformed Methodist Church. For forty-one years they made their home in Cattaraugus county, New York, and there reared their family. They had seven children, viz.: Ruth, Iantha, Avary, Sarah, Thomas J., James Monroe and Martin V. Avary died at the age of two years. James Monroe was a Union soldier in the late war, and died at Chattanooga, Tennessee, leaving a widow and daughter, Emma. He and his brother, Thomas J., married sisters. The parents of this family came out to Minnesota in 1867, and here passed the residue of their lives, the mother dying October 3, 1878, and the father April 11, 1889. John Carpenter was a prominent man in his day. While in the East he was for a number of years engaged in the lumber business. He was an active politician, affiliating with the Democratic party, and served as Sheriff of Cattaraugus county, and while serving in this capacity he arrested the first murderer ever taken by an officer in this county, a man named Bohall, who murdered a Mr. and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Carpenter first arrested a son-in-law of Mr. Brown, who proved himself innocent, and next he arrested the real murderer, who confessed his crime while being locked into a cell with Mr. Carpenter. He first killed Mr. Brown with an ax, and then Mrs. Brown with a stick,—which latter weapon Mr. Carpenter kept in his possession as a relic for many years. For committing this horrible crime Bohall received only $30, which he hid in the woods, and to this place they repaired together just as it became dark, to recover it. Bohall committed suicide while in prison.

For over forty years Mr. John Carpenter was a zealous Mason, was buried by the order, and his funeral was the largest ever held in the county.

Thomas J. Carpenter was reared in his native county, remaining there until 1868, when he came to Minnesota, and on the broad prairie purchased a tract of wild land, where he has since lived. As the result of his energy and good management, he is now the owner of a fine farm of 270 acres,—one of the best farms in the county. His two-story residence stands on a natural building site and commands a magnificent view of fine farming country. His large barn, other substantial buildings, nice grove and fine stock, all give evidence of the success which has attended the owner.

Mr. Carpenter was married April 13, 1859, to Miss Almira Wilcox, a native of Cattaraugus county, New York, daughter of Hosea and Eliza (Noyes) Wilcox, both natives of Vermont, the former a son of James Wilcox and the latter a daughter of James Johnson Noyes. Hosea Wilcox and his wife had ten children, seven of whom reached adult age, namely: James Johnson, Almira Carpenter, Sarah Carpenter, Timothy, Francis, Della and Etta. The father died in Cattaraugus county at the age of sixty-two years, and the mother is still living there, having attained her seventy-ninth year. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have had five children, viz.: Walter, the first born, who died at the age of three years; Pearly, wife of A. A. Johnson, of this township; Retta, wife of Charles Nichols, of this township; and Etta and Monroe, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are members of the Methodist Church, and in politics he is Democratic. He has been a Justice of the Peace and a member of the School Board for a number of years.

Such, in brief, is a sketch of the life of one of Verona township's well-known and highly-respected citizens.

LORD BYRON TRUE, who carries on general farming on section 20, Center Creek township, Martin county, has the honor of being a native of Minnesota. His birth occurred in Blue Earth county on the 17th of May, 1856, and is the eldest son of Lewis F. and Clara H. (Gould) True, highly respected people of this locality. When he was only four years of age he was brought by his parents to Martin county and has here since made his home. He was reared amid the wild scenes of the frontier, for during his boyhood this county was a pioneer region. He acquired his education in the common schools, and the first school which he attended was held in a building upon his father's farm. He remained at home, assisting in the labors of the farm, until he had attained his majority, and the days of his boyhood and youth were quietly passed midst play and work.

On the 4th of April, 1872, Mr. True was joined in marriage with Miss Emma J. Edwards, daughter of C. M. and Mary J. (Rice) Edwards. The lady was born in Tama county, Iowa, November 18, 1857, and from the age of four years was reared in this State. They began housekeeping in Westford township, Martin county, where they resided for four years, then located on section 8, Center Creek township, where he improved a good farm of 200 acres. He was successfully engaged in its cultivation until 1890, when he sold that property and purchased his present farm in Center Creek township,—160 acres of rich and arable land. He carries on general farming and stockraising and keeps on hand good grades of horses, cattle and hogs. The buildings upon his place are substantial structures, the fences are well repaired and an air of neatness prevades the place, while the owner is accounted one of the practical and progressive farmers of the county.

In politics, Mr. True is independent with Prohibition tendencies. He is a strictly temperate man, having used neither intoxicants nor tobacco, and therefore by example as well as precept he endeavors to promote the temperance cause. He has never been an aspirant for office, but was elected a member of the town Board of Supervisors and Justice of the Peace, serving in the latter position for six years, with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. In his social relations he is connected with Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M.

The True family numbers, besides our subject and his estimable wife, eight children, as follows: Addie, Mary, Bertie, Laura, George, David, Effie and Harry. The family is one of prominence in the community, its members holding an enviable position in social circles and their home is noted for its hospitality.

JACOB LINDER, County Commissioner of Faribault county, Minnesota, owns and occupies one of the best farms in Barber township, and has been identified with this place since November 3, 1866. Like many of Minnesota's best citizens, Mr. Linder is of German birth.

He was born in Bavaria, Germany, October 22, 1837, son of Frank Joseph and Barbara (Trunk) Linder, both natives of Bavaria. Frank Joseph Linder was a soldier under Napoleon at Waterloo. He was a member of a large and respected family, one of his brothers being a carpenter, another a wine dealer, and several of them farmers.

He and his wife were brought up in the Catholic Church and in that faith reared their family. They had four sons, namely: George, a resident of St. Louis, Missouri; Frank Joseph, of Bavaria, Germany; Charles, an engineer at Indianapolis, Indiana; and Jacob, whose name heads this article.

Jacob Linder was reared on a farm in his native land, and until he was fourteen attended school. He then sailed from Havre, France, on the ship Riehn for New York, and landed at his destination after a voyage of forty-seven days. From New York he came West to Columbia county, Wisconsin, where he worked out by the month on farms for eight years. When he was twenty-two years of age he married and rented a farm, and continued to make his home in Wisconsin until 1866. That year, as above stated, he took up his abode in Minnesota. Here he took claim to 160 acres of wild land, built a sod shanty, bought a yoke of oxen, and in this primitive way began life on the frontier; and here for twenty-eight years he has lived and prospered. To his original claim he has since added until now he has 283 acres, one of the best farms in the township. A modern, commodious two-story residence has taken the place of the sod house. A large barn, other farm buildings, windmill, ten-acre grove, etc., are among the improvements he has placed here, and these, together with his well-cultivated fields, broad pastures and fine stock, all give evidence of the prosperity that has attended his earnest efforts. His herd of Durham cattle are among the best in the township.

Mr. Linder was married in Columbia county, Wisconsin, to Mary A. Damm, also a native of Bavaria, daughter of John W. and Thessa (Ackerman) Damm. Her parents died in Columbia county, Wisconsin, and she died December 24, 1891, leaving a family of nine children, namely: Jacob, Jr., Helene M., Mary, Frank Joseph, Caroline, Barbara, Francis, William T. and Otto G. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Linder married her sister, Margaret Damm, who was born and reared in Columbia county, Wisconsin.

Mr. Linder is Democratic in his political views and is one of the "wheel-horses" of the party in his county. He has served as delegate to county and Congressional conventions, was for years chairman of the Board of Supervisors in his township, served eight years as Assessor, and since 1888 has been County Commissioner, filling all these positions with credit to himself and also to his constituents. Personally, Mr. Linder is frank and genial, and is as popular as he is well known.

F. T. MOORE, County Commissioner of Faribault county, was born at Crown Point, Essex county, New York, July 5, 1840, son of John Moore and grandson of William Moore, both natives of New Hampshire. William Moore was a veteran of the war of 1812 and a son of a Revolutionary soldier. The latter's father was born in the north of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parents. John Moore was reared in Essex county, New York, and was there married to Miss Luthera Taft, a native of that county and a daughter of Timothy Taft, who was born in Vermont. John Moore and wife were the parents of ten children, namely: Franklin T., Henry, Adalet, Jane, Ellen, Thomas, Ida, Sanford, Harriet, and Edwin. The mother died in

Essex county in 1873, at the age of fifty-five years; and the father is now residing at the same place, at the age of seventy-seven. He was a farmer, miller and lumberman, and on his father's farm and in the mill the subject of our sketch spent his boyhood days, and when he grew up he learned the trade of blacksmith.

In 1863 Mr. Moore volunteered for service in the Union army, enlisting as a member of Company M, Fifth New York Cavalry, under Colonel Hammond. He was in the battles of Winchester, Cedar Creek, Five Forks, the Wilderness, and in many lesser engagements, and was honorably discharged July 25, 1865, coming out of the ranks as Corporal. After his return home from the army, he resumed work at his trade, and continued to reside in New York until 1870.

In 1870 he came west and took up his abode in Faribault county, Minnesota. That year he bought his present farm, 160 acres, on section nine, Verona township, of B. F. Forbes, one of the prominent and early settlers of the county. This farm is well adapted for both grain and stock, is watered by Center creek, and is well improved and under a high state of cultivation. It has a comfortable and attractive cottage, two barns, other farm buildings, good fences, etc. In the milkhouse is a never-failing spring. Mr. Moore makes it a rule to keep the very best grade of stock, and both in his farming and stock-raising he has been uniformly successful.

At Crown Point, New York, Jan 5, 1864, Mr. Moore married Miss Amelia M. McIntyre, who was born and reared in Essex county, daughter of Artemus and Louisa (Pond) McIntyre. Her father, also a native of that county, was of Scotch-Irish origin, and died at the age of fifty years. Her mother was born in Medfield, Massachusetts, March 8, 1816, and died at the age of forty-six years. Artemus McIntyre and his wife had a family of children, as follows: Elizabeth, Simon, Amelia, David, Oliver, Foster, Ann Eliza, Alfred, and Elverton. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have three children, Ellen L., Irene L. and Ed Earl,—all at home.

Mr. Moore is a stanch and active Republican, has served as Assessor and a member of the School Board, and in the fall of 1894 was elected to his present office, that of County Commissioner. He is a member of the G. A. R. and the I. O. O. F. His frank and genial manner, together with his many sterling traits of character, make him a favorite of all who have come in contact with him, either in a business or a social way.

JOSEPH TEUBNER has long been officially connected with the interests of Nashville township, in which community he follows farming and stock-raising. Martin county numbers him among her leading citizens, and especially is he a worthy representative of her agricultural interests.

A native of Austria, he was born on the 24th of June, 1839, and spent the first fifteen years of his life in that country, during which time he attended the common schools and learned the cabinet-maker's trade. In the year 1854 he determined to seek a home this side the Atlantic. Experience has made him old beyond his years, and his sagacity was manifested by the carrying out of this resolution. He knew that better opportunities were afforded young men here, and with

no capital save a young man's bright hope of the future, a determination to win success and a laudable ambition, he took up his residence in Wisconsin in the year before mentioned. He first located in Milwaukee, where he worked at his trade of cabinet-making, also followed carpentering, and in this way he got a start in life. In 1859 he removed to Berlin, Wisconsin, where he turned his attention to general farming, but after a short time his labors in that direction were suspended.

On the 16th of April, 1861, Mr. Teubner offered his services to his adopted country. He had watched with interest the progress of events which preceded the opening of the late war, and resolved that if the South attempted secession he would strike a blow in defense of the Union. Accordingly, when Fort Sumter was fired upon, he donned the blue, joining Company G, Fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, at Berlin, April 16, 1861,—only three days after the first rebel shot was fired. After going into camp at Madison, Wisconsin, he was transferred to Company C, of the same regiment, and served until August, 1864, in the Army of the Potomac, and Sixth Army Corps. He was mustered into the State service May 13, and into the United States service July 13. Left for Washington, District of Columbia, July 24; for Fortress Monroe, March 23, 1862, and took part in the siege of Yorktown; was engaged in the following battles: Lee's Mills, April 16, 1862; Williamsburg, May 5; Golden Farm, June 27; Savage Station, June 28; White Oak Swamp, June 29; Malvern Hill, July 1; Crampton Gap, September 15; Antietam, September 17 and 18; Fredericksburg, December 12 and 13 (all the foregoing in 1862), and also at Fredericksburg again, May 2 and 3 following; Gettysburg, July 2–4; Rappahannock Station, November 7; Wilderness, November 26,—the last four in 1863; Wilderness, May 5 and 6 following; Spottsylvania Court House, May 8, 9, 10, 12; Hanover, May 28; Cold Harbor, June 1 and 3,—the last four in 1864; and also during this year he participated in the operations around Petersburg, and during a part of July, in the battle before Washington, when General Ewell made his famous invasion into Maryland. All the above battles took place in Virginia excepting the one at Antietam, Maryland, and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Teubner left Washington for Madison, Wisconsin, July 22, 1864, and was mustered out of service August 4 following. While driving the rebels from Williamsburg in a charge upon them, May 5, 1862, he was wounded; and also May 3, 1863, while charging Mary's Heights at Fredericksburg, where, getting into close quarters within the rebel works, he received a severe injury in the chest; also, June 1, 1864, at Cold Harbor, while charging the rebel works, and in the terrible hand-to-hand struggle that followed, he received a severe injury over the head from a musket blow. Always at the post of duty, he faithfully defended the old flag. His generals were McClellan, Burnside, Hooker and Meade.

After a two-weeks sojourn at home Mr. Teubner came to Martin county, Minnesota, and settled upon the farm where he now resides,—then a tract of wild land entirely destitute of improvement. He built a board shanty, 12 x 14 feet, containing only one room, and also built a little straw stable for the shelter of his few head of stock. Then began the work of improving and developing his land. With characteristic energy he took up the work, plowed and planted the

fields, and in course of time abundant harvests were garnered as the reward of his labors. He now owns 200 acres, and the improvements upon the place stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. A beautiful grove of six acres adds to the value and attractive appearance of the place, and good buildings are seen where once stood the rude structures before described. The owner has prospered in his directed efforts, and is now successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising.

The lady who now bears the name of Mrs. Teubner was in her maidenhood Miss Elizabeth Sherman. She was born and reared in Vermont and is a daughter of Joseph and Patience (Rising) Sherman, also natives of the Green Mountain State. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Teubner, which was celebrated June 9, 1861, has been blessed with seven children,—one daughter and six sons,—as follows: Florian J., at home; Charles W., one of the professors in the business college in Winnebago City, Minnesota; George W., an engineer; Orville M., Wilson E., Windom E., and Florence M., who are still under the parental roof. The mother of these children died September 5, 1893. The family holds a high position in the circles of society in which they move.

Politically Mr. Teubner says he is a "strong Republican." The party which was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery and which was really the salvation of the Nation through the war has always found him a stanch advocate, and he does all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. During nearly his entire residence in Martin county he has served as a member of the town Board of Supervisors, and has also been a member of the School Board,—the cause of education finding him a warm friend. He is an honored member of Claybaugh Post, No. 54, G. A. R., of Winnebago City, in which he has served as Quartermaster and Commander, and delights to renew his old army acquaintanceships. Whether on the field of battle, in local offices or as an untitled citizen, Mr. Teubner has ever been found true to the land of his adoption, and no truer American citizen resides in Martin county. He needs never have occasion to regret the determination he formed at the early age of fifteen,—seeking a home in the United States; for here he has not only found many warm friends, but has also gained a comfortable home and secured a handsome competence which supplies him with all the comforts of life.

REV. C. G. EISENBERG.—The German Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Congregation at Welcome, Minnesota, was organized in the year 1876, by the Rev. L. M. Reck, a missionary of the Lutheran Synod of Iowa and other States. Nine members signed the constitution at that time, namely, Henry and Fred Hulseman, Henry D. Finke, August Borchardt, Carl Roloff, H. A. Miller, Val. Wohlhuter, St. Schuelein and Chris. Virgens. They built a parsonage, 18 x 22, on section 36, Fox Lake township, the upper story being used as a place of worship and the first floor as a dwelling for the minister, the Rev. E. O. Giesel. In 1884 this house was moved to the newly laid out town of Welcome, consisting of a post-office and a grain warehouse; and the following year a church building was erected on a lot presented by D. D. Bunn.

At the time of the dedication of the new

church the Rev. C. G. Eisenberg took charge of the congregation, and has held this position to date. The congregation has kept pace with the growth of the population of the county, as well with membership as with the increasing wealth of the members; for to-day the congregation has a very convenient parsonage, built in 1891, besides a spacious, well-equipped schoolhouse, built in 1894. In March, 1895, the church was presented with a large, fine bell, by Fred Wedenkamp, of Millwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Eisenberg was born in Hessen-Nassau, Germany, October 21, 1862; came to this country in 1881; graduated at the College of the Synod of Iowa at Mendota, Illinois, in 1884, and came to this county in the fall of 1885. He was married to Miss Mary Gottschalk May 9, 1886, and has now four children. His parochial field comprehends not only Welcome and neighborhood, but also Lake Belt and Galena, where he conducts services every alternate Sunday, in Stone and Osborn schoolhouses.

THOMAS ALLAN was for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Martin county, but is now living a retired life in Fairmont. He was one of the first settlers of this section of the State, locating here when the Indians were frequent visitors in the neighborhood and when the work of progress and civilization was scarcely begun. He has labored long and earnestly through the years which have since come and gone, and now, in the evening of life, he can lay aside all business cares and rest in the enjoyment of a well merited competence.

The Allan family is of English lineage. The parents of our subject, Joseph and Elizabeth (Sykes) Allan, were both natives of Yorkshire, England, and spent their entire lives in the land of their birth. They had a family of seven children who grew to mature years, of whom three are yet living, —George, now a resident of McHenry county, Illinois; Thomas, of this sketch; and Mary E., wife of Peter Booth, who is living in Westford township, Martin county.

Thomas Allan opened his eyes to the light of day October 30, 1833, in Yorkshire, England, and was reared upon a farm, spending his boyhood days midst play and work. Determining to seek a home and fortune beyond the Atlantic, he carried out this resolution, in 1856, by becoming one of the passengers on a sailing vessel, from which he afterward landed on American soil. He made his way at once to McHenry county, Illinois, where he spent two years, and in 1858 he came to Minnesota, taking up his residence upon what is now section 6, Center Creek township, Martin county. His house was the first erected in the township and the entire county was but sparsely settled. The prairies were covered with tall wild grasses, the forests were uncut and the whole locality was waiting for the transforming influences of sturdy pioneers who would brave the trials and difficulties of frontier life to secure a home and open up to civilization a new locality. He settled amid the timber on Elm creek. His nearest neighbor on the east was Eugene Huntington, who lived six miles away; to the west was a settlement five miles distant and the nearest market, Mankato, was thirty-five miles distant.

Mr. Allan built a log cabin, thatched with hay, and for some time kept bachelor's

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hall. He first secured a quarter section of land and after a time obtained a homestead claim of 160 acres, thus becoming owner of an extensive farm. In 1869 he married Lydia A. Sperry Baker, who was born in New York in 1832, daughter of Jeremy Baker, of the Empire State. Mrs. Allan was one of the early settlers of Blue Earth county and by her marriage became the mother of two children,—Maud, now deceased, and Ivah.

The land which Mr. Allan obtained was a barren tract when it came into his possession, but his unceasing efforts soon worked a decided change in its appearance. Early morning found him in the fields, and the plow and reaper were abandoned only when the shades of night falling around him made it no longer possible for him to work; into the furrow was dropped the seed and in course of time the combined labors of man and nature produced rich and abundant harvests. Capable management of his business interests and close attention to all details, won to Mr. Allan a well deserved prosperity, and he is now living retired. He has met with difficulties, and, like his neighbors, had his crops destroyed by the grasshoppers, but diligence and perseverance at length triumphed over all obstacles and he is now the possessor of a comfortable competence. In all his labors he has been ably assisted and seconded by his estimable wife, who has indeed proved to him a helpmeet. The Indians frequently visited his pioneer home. At one time, while he was threshing his grain with a flail, six Indians came to him asking him for straw upon which to sleep. He gave them some and accompanied them to their camp in the woods, which was the first time he saw full-blooded Indians. His uniform kindness to them won their regard, and he had many true friends among the Winnebagoes.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Allan are members of the society of Christian Scientists of Fair mont. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend, and he has served as a member of the local School Board. In his political views he has been a stalwart Republican since he became a resident of Martin county, and keeps well informed on the questions of the day, but has never sought or desired political preferment, for his time has been closely taken up with his business interests and the enjoyment of home life.

JOSEPHUS COWING, one of the representative citizens of Martin county, was born in Orleans county, New York, August 23, 1834, a son of Dr. John Cowing, a native of Onondaga county, that State. He was prominently engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery until eighty-seven years of age, his practice having extended into Canada and Rochester, New York. He was well known throughout the country. His father, Dr. John Cowing, was born in Vermont, of English and Scotch descent, and was a practicing physician in New York. He was a son of Dr. John Cowing, a native of Scotland, who graduated in a medical college there. He came to America at the age of twenty-eight years, locating in Vermont, where he followed the practice of medicine. He afterward located near Albany, New York. The mother of our subject, *nee* Elizabeth Burgiss, was born and reared in New York. Her father, Lewis Burgiss, was a teamster from Albany to Buffalo before the

Erie Canal was built, and he afterward located on a farm near Batavia, New York. The mother of Mrs. Cowing, Elizabeth Burgiss, was born near Troy, New York. They lived to the advanced ages of 102 and 103 years, the mother dying the day after the father's death, and the funeral was held on the same day, and they were buried in the same grave. John and Elizabeth Cowing had seven children, namely: Jerusha, deceased; John, of Pine county, Minnesota; Martha A., deceased; Anna M., deceased; David, of Kansas; Josephus, the subject of this sketch; and George R., of Kent county, Michigan.

Mr. Cowing was reared in his native place until nineteen years of age, when he purchased and located on 120 acres of land in Kane county, Illinois. While there he was employed in cutting ties and railroad timber about one and a half years. He then sold that place and purchased 160 acres in Will county, same State, which had been partially improved. His wife died there September 15, 1854, and Mr. Cowing then took his little child and returned to his old home in New York. Leaving his daughter there, he came again to Will county, rented his farm, and removed to Cedar Falls, Iowa. He conducted a grocery store there until 1856, when he sold out and purchased a farm of 320 acres near the city, but rented his place and remained in Cedar Falls. Mr. Cowing next embarked in the real-estate business. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B, Thirty-First Iowa Volunteer Infantry; took part in the battles of Vicksburg, Arkansas Post and many smaller engagements, and was slightly wounded in the right shoulder. After the close of the struggle, Mr. Cowing returned to Cedar Falls, where he was engaged in the real-estate business. He next purchased 200 acres of land one mile north of that city, which was known as the Deacon Ashley farm, and on which he resided about five years. For the following five years our subject was engaged in the grocery business in Cedar Falls, and since 1878 has resided on the farm he now owns in Center Creek township, Martin county, Minnesota. For eight years he was engaged in logging and lumbering in Carlton county, and during that time cut six million feet of lumber. At one time Mr. Cowing owned 480 acres of land, but has since given to his sons until the place now contains 320 acres. In 1887 he built his present residence and farm buildings. Since 1889, in connection with agricultural pursuits, Mr. Cowing has been engaged in the implement business in Huntley.

In 1852, at the age of eighteen years, he was united in marriage with Mary Grant, a native of New York. They had one child, Addie, now at home. December 9, 1855, he married Delsena Smelcer, born and reared in Indiana. She removed with her parents to Benton county, Illinois, when eleven years of age, and afterward went to Cedar Falls, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Cowing have eight children, namely: George R., a prominent farmer of Center Creek township; Henry, of this State; Mary, wife of John H. Round, of Kansas; Alice, deceased; Alta, wife of F. L. Vance, of Itasca county, Minnesota; and Allie, at home. Mr. Cowing is a stanch Republican, and has served three times as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and as president of the Huntley Hardware Association. Socially, he is a member of James Clabaugh Post, No. 54, G. A. R., of Winnebago City; of Blue Earth Valley Lodge, No. 27, A. F. & A. M., at Winnebago City; of Mount Horeb Chapter, No.

21, R. A. M., of the same place; of the A. O. U. W. at Cedar Falls, Iowa; and of the Winnebago City Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F.

WILLIAM EBERLEIN, a prosperous farmer residing near Blue Earth City, in Prescott township, Faribault county, has been a resident of this county for more than three decades.

He was born in Columbia county, Wisconsin, October 14, 1853, son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Frabel) Eberlein, natives of Germany. After their emigration to America, his parents lived for some years in Wisconsin, and from there came to Faribault county, Minnesota, where they still live, both being in the octogenarian ranks. They have lived together as man and wife for nearly sixty years, and sons and daughters have grown up around them, the names of their children being as follows: Lodema, Ferdinand, Ed, George, Minnie, Amanda, Charlie, Albert and William (twins), and Henry and Clara. Three of the sons, Ferdinand, Ed and George, served in the Union army during the civil war, and Ferdinand and George died of disease while in the service.

William Eberlein was eleven years old when he came with his parents to Minnesota, and here he was reared to farm life and received his education in the public schools. He continued a member of the home circle until the time of his marriage, in 1887, after which he located on his present farm, 240 acres, where he has since been engaged in general farming and stock-raising. On this farm are good buildings, including a two-story residence, barn, stable, machine-house, granary, modern windmill, etc., and the land is conveniently divided into fields for cultivation and pasture, the whole of it well fenced. A ten-acre grove is not among the least of its attractive features.

Mr. Eberlein was married September 13, 1887, to Jennie Nelson, a popular and successful teacher of Verona township, this county. She was reared and educated in Winnebago City, and is a daughter of George Nelson, a native of Chautauqua county, New York, and one of the earliest pioneers of this county, the date of his arrival here being 1858. It was in this house that the election was held which decided that Blue Earth City should be the county seat of Faribault county. He died in 1885 and his wife in 1893. They had six children, viz.: Anna, Henry, George, Jennie, Charles and Mamie. All are living except George. Mr. and Mrs. Eberlein have four children—George Lee, Cecil Christopher, Elzade and William.

Mr. Eberlein has served his fellow-citizens as Supervisor and Constable, being elected to these offices by the Democratic party, with which he affiliates. He is a member of Orient Lodge, No. 34, A. O. U. W. Personally, he is of fine physique, is frank and jovial by nature, and by all who know him he is respected and esteemed.

JASPER M. SPENCER, a farmer of Prescott township, Faribault county, was born in Allegany county, New York, May 26, 1830, a son of Abner and Elizabeth (Getchel) Spencer. The father was a native of Otsego county, New York, and was a son of John Spencer, Sr. The mother was also born in New York, of German descent. In 1844 the family located near Woodstock, McHenry county,

Illinois, where they were among the early pioneers, and where the father purchased and improved a farm. In 1854 they removed to Winona county, Minnesota, where they were also pioneer settlers. The father afterward took a claim in this county, next resided in South Dakota for a time, and then returned to Faribault county, where he resided with his son Jasper until his death, at the age of eighty-nine years. The mother departed this life in 1845. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were the parents of eight children, namely: Jasper, the subject of this sketch; Bryan; Anson was a soldier in the late war, and was confined in a Rebel prison; Daniel served in the First Minnesota Infantry; Rinalda was a member of the Fifteenth Illinois Infantry; John, Marinda and Zilpha S.

Jasper M. Spencer located with his parents in the wilds of Illinois at the age of fifteen years. In 1864 he came to Faribault county, Minnesota, and located on a homestead of 160 acres of wild land. The place is now under a fine state of cultivation, and is one of the best improved farms in the county.

Mr. Spencer has been three times married. At the age of thirty years he was united in marriage with Hannah Peterman, a daughter of John Peterman. To this union were born three children,—Frederick, Quincy and Rebecca Parker. The latter died at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving one child, Mabel Parker. Hannah Spencer died in 1879. The father then married Mrs. Hannora Sulivan, a native of Ireland, and a daughter of Patrick and Bridget (Daily) Sulivan. After her death he married his present wife, Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, a native of Brockton, Massachusetts, and a daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Pike) Reynolds. The father died in 1876, and the mother survived until 1885. Their son, Oren, was a bugler in the late war, and died from injuries received on the battlefield while trying to save the life of Captain Vetch. Mrs. Sarah Spencer's grandparents were descendants of the Perkins who came over in the Mayflower in 1620. In political matters Mr. Spencer affiliates with the Republican party.

ABRAM HOUGHTALING, of Fairmont, Minnesota, was born in Esopus, Ulster county, New York, June 27, 1840, the second child and eldest son of Jeremiah A. and Catherine (Eltinge) Houghtaling. Abram moved with his father to Wisconsin in 1856, locating in Waukesha county, and later the family removed to Boscobel, Grant county, same State, where he learned and followed the carpenter's trade. August 7, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company C, Twentieth Wisconsin Volunteers. He was sent with an independent division, under General Herron, to Springfield, Missouri, and afterward took part in the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, where he was wounded by a minie ball. It passed through his left leg just below the knee, shattering the bone, and he lay from Sunday, December 7, 1862, until the following Thursday without any attention, when he was placed in the hospital at Fayetteville, Arkansas, until March, 1863, and from that time until October, 1863, he was in a hospital at Springfield, Missouri. Then, by way of New Orleans, Mr. Houghtaling joined his regiment, reaching Brownsville, Texas, in February, 1864, where he was engaged in guard duty until he took part in the siege of Fort Morgan. He next

did guard duty at the marine hospital, New Orleans, until May 22, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. Returning home, Mr. Houghtaling followed the carpenter's trade with his father until his marriage, after which he resided at Boscobel, Wisconsin, until April, 1875, and since that time has been an honored citizen of Fairmont, Minnesota, following the carpenter's trade.

Mr. Houghtaling was married at Boscobel, Wisconsin, August 22, 1867, to Barbara Muffley, a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Joseph and Eliza Muffley, who came to Wisconsin about 1856. Our subject and wife have five children,—Ben, Lena, Archie Guy, Alice and Jay A. The family are members of the Congregational Church, in which Mr. Houghtaling has served as Deacon for many years, and has also been a teacher in the Sunday-school. Socially he has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for twenty-two years, in which he has passed all the chairs, and was a representative to the Grand Lodge at its session in 1894. He is also member of Phil Kearny Post, No. 18, G. A. R. In political matters, Mr. Houghtaling is identified with the Democratic party. He has been a member of the School Board since its organization as an independent district, and at one time was a candidate for County Auditor.

JAMES J. COULTER, a successful farmer of Prescott township, Faribault county, was born in Chemung county, New York, June 24, 1833, a son of John and Miranda (Rawson) Coulter, natives respectively of Palmyra and Rochester, New York, and of Irish and English descent. The father died in 1838, leaving a widow and eight children, two sons and six daughters. One son, William, was a soldier in the civil war, a member of the One-Hundred and Seventh New York Infantry, and he died in Chemung county, after the close of the struggle, leaving a family. Mrs. Coulter married Ed. McAdams, and they had one daughter. Only two of the family now survive,—our subject and Mary Bently, of Horseheads, New York.

J. J. Coulter was early inured to farm labor, and at the age of fourteen years he was employed to cook for twenty-five men in a lumber camp. At the age of twenty-one years he located in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1875, and since that time has resided in Prescott township, Faribault county, Minnesota. Mr. Coulter purchased 154 acres of land three miles from Winnebago City, only sixty acres of which was broken, but the farm is now under a fine state of cultivation, and is one of the best in the township. In political matters, he affiliates with the Democratic party, and has served as a member of the School Board.

In Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, at the age of twenty-five years, Mr. Coulter was united in marriage with Emma C. Allen, a native of Connecticut, and a daughter of John A. and Cordelia (Fern) Allen, who were also natives of that State, and both of whom are now deceased. Our subject and wife had six children, viz.: Marinda, wife of Orren Hazelton, of Racine, Minnesota; Eugene, deceased at the age of four years; Mary, wife of Elbert Miller, of this township; Laura, wife of F. Hines, of Delavan, Minnesota; and Willie R. and Relief L., at home. December 9, 1892, Mr. Coulter suffered the loss of his beloved wife. She was blessed with a sunny disposition, having

always looked on the bright side of life, and saw the silver linings of the dark clouds as they rolled by in times of trouble. She was a member of the Congregational Church in Wisconsin.

HOUSEMAN BROTHERS, proprietors of a livery, sale and feed barn, Winnebago City, Minnesota, are among the popular and reliable business men of this place. Their establishment is located one-half block west of the Doud House, the leading hotel of the city, and added to their desirable location is every convenience for carrying on their business successfully. Their barn, which was known as the Rink building, is 50 x 100 feet in dimensions, and is well arranged for livery purposes, having a large floor for carriages, plenty of stall room, and a nice office. The Messrs. Houseman take a just pride in their fine driving horses, keep a nice lot of carriages, buggies, etc., and are always prepared to furnish careful drivers.

E. E. Houseman, the senior member of the firm, was born at Lowden, Cedar county, Iowa, June 20, 1867, son of Jacob and Mary (Tevis) Houseman. His grandfather Tevis was a sailor for many years, and died at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Jacob Houseman was born in Pennsylvania. Before the civil war he removed with his family to Iowa, and during the war served three years as a member of Company K, Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry. He and his wife are now residents of Conrad Grove, Grundy county, Iowa. They had a family of nine children, six of whom are now living, viz.: J. H., J. F., E. E., Mary L., J. T. and Josephine Maude. J. T. is the junior member of the firm of Houseman Brothers. Of the parents, we further record that the father is an expert mechanic, having followed the trade of millwright all his life, and that the mother is a member of the Church of God.

E. E. Houseman was reared in Cedar, Keokuk and Grundy counties, Iowa, and educated in the common schools of the towns in which he lived. His first business venture was as a liveryman in Gladbrook, Tama county, Iowa, where he remained two years. From there he went to Armstrong, Iowa, where he was in the hotel business until he came to Winnebago City, in 1894.

Mr. Houseman was married at the age of twenty-five years to Miss Artie O. Powell, of Marshalltown, Iowa, daughter of Joseph Powell.

Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party.

JOSIAH SMITH, of Fairmont, is a son of Aretus H. and Mercy P. (Herrick) Smith. The father was born in Maine December 4, 1801, a son of Josiah Smith, also a native of that State, and of English descent. Two of his sons were soldiers in the war of 1812. The mother was born in Maine, April 13, 1803, and her father, Joseph Herrick, was also a native of that State, of English descent. Aretus H. Smith and Mercy P. Herrick were married, in Maine, June 14, 1835, and located in Parkman, Piscataquis county, that State. In 1849 the family settled on unimproved land in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, five years afterward sold that place and moved to a farm on Grand prairie, same county, and in the spring of 1860 came to Minnesota, locating on a farm one and a half miles west of Blue Earth City,

Faribault county, and in 1870 removed to Oregon, and in the following year came to Martin county. Mr. Smith died at the home of our subject, August 6, 1874, and Mrs. Smith died at the home of her daughter, in Portland, Oregon, May 15, 1891. They had three children, one of whom died in infancy. Their daughter, Sarah P., is the wife of W. D. Belding, of Portland, Oregon, and they have three children.

Josiah Smith, the youngest in order of birth, was born in Maine July 30, 1838, and received his education principally in Wisconsin. In October, 1862, he enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company K, First Minnesota Mounted Rangers. They went into camp at Kasota, Minnesota, then joined Sibley against the Indians, chasing them to the Missouri river, went thence to Fort Abercrombie, later to Fort Snelling, and was mustered out of service. Returning home in the spring of 1865, he sold his farm in Faribault county and moved to Martin county, locating on wild land on section 30, Fairmont township, remaining there five years. Mr. Smith then spent one summer in Oregon, and then resided on a farm on section 31, Fairmont township, until the fall of 1892, since which time he has lived in the city of Fairmont. He still owns 292 acres of land. In 1893 he erected a fine city residence. During the first year of his residence here Mr. Smith paid $9 per barrel for salt, $11 for a common coat, and $1 for three and a half pounds of sugar. He had to go twenty miles to get his plowshares sharpened, and Mankato was the nearest market; and the few settlers lived principally by trapping. During the summer of 1866 Mr. Smith raised 110 bushels of wheat and 320 bushels of oats, and was probably the first man to raise wheat in the southern part of the county. In 1865 they bought flour, delivered at their house, for $2 per 100 pounds, and in 1867, wheat sold at $3 per bushel, and oats brought from $1 to $1.50 per bushel at the granary.

December 4, 1861, he was united in marriage with Melissa Chute, born in Nova Scotia, April 26, 1842, a daughter of Burton and Harriet (Chute) Chute, natives also of that place. They located in Elgin county, Ontario (then Upper Canada), in 1842, seven years afterward removed to a farm in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and since 1859 have resided three miles west of Blue Earth City, Faribault county, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children, viz.: Albert A., at home; Ensley J. married Hattie Whitney, of Rolling Green township; and Winnifred T., at home. In political matters Mr. Smith is a stanch Republican, and has served as Supervisor of his township and as School Director.

GEORGE WIRT, Winnebago City, Minnesota, is one of the substantial farmers and highly respected citizens of Faribault county. We take pleasure in presenting in this work the following sketch of his life:

George Wirt was born in Bavaria, Germany, February 2, 1837, son of Michael and Christena (Miller) Wirt, both natives of Bavaria. Michael Wirt was by occupation a blacksmith and farmer, and for three years was a soldier in the German army, being connected with the cavalry and the king's body-guard. He was afterward employed as surveyor, and ended his service to his native land as County Commissioner. In 1851 he came with his family to America, landing at New York city about the middle

of June, after a voyage of seven weeks, and from there going to Richland county, Ohio, where he settled on a farm near Lexington. There the parents passed the residue of their lives and there died, the father passing away at the age of sixty years and the mother living to the advanced age of ninety-one. Four children comprised their family,—John L., George, Christena and Margaret. John L. still resides in Richland county. The family are Lutherans in their religious belief.

Soon after the arrival of the Wirt family in America, George, following the advice given by Horace Greeley, came West. Near West Union, in Fayette county, Iowa, he worked on a farm and in a brickyard for two years. July 4, 1856, he arrived in Faribault county, Minnesota, and with this county he has since been identified, having participated in all those vicissitudes which marked the life of the early settlers on what was then the frontier. He took part in the Indian war of 1857, and during the civil war he was in the Union service four years and seven months. He enlisted, in October, 1861, in the second company of cavalry that went out from the State of Minnesota. This regiment was afterward transferred to the Fifth Iowa Cavalry, which was commanded by Colonel Lowe, who had been one of the regular army's best officers, and by reason of this redoubtable colonel's vigorous efforts in offering to the "Johnnies" in his proximity no peace, he gained to his regiment the title of "Colonel Lowe's Bloodhounds." The early part of Mr. Wirt's service was in the South and began with the burning of a very long railroad bridge, near Fort Donelson, Tennessee. For the purpose of cutting off re-enforcements and retreat of the rebel army during the three days' battle at Fort Donelson of February 10, 11 and 12, 1862, and afterward, the First Union Cavalry went through the rebel line into Corinth, Mississippi, which at that time was a very strong and well fortified rebel center, and captured many of the Confederates and several trains loaded with army supplies, and also routed General Beauregard from his commodious headquarters, the Sheminggo House, the finest structure in the city.

Our subject participated in many important engagements, and later he was with the forces that were sent to suppress the hostile Indians of the North and West. He was honorably discharged, at Fort Snelling, June 6, 1866, with the rank of Sergeant.

Like most of the early-comers to Minnesota, Mr. Wirt secured a pre-emption claim. To this claim he later secured title under the homstead act, and on this land he still lives, being now the owner of 320 acres. Among the improvements on his farm we find a comfortable frame house, good barn, modern windmill, and ten acres in grove, while everything is kept in first-class order.

February 8, 1868, Mr. Wirt married Miss Catherine Carlton, a native of Iroquois county, Illinois, and a daughter of James P. and Rebecca (Walker) Carlton, natives respectively of Troy, New York, and New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. Wirt have eight children, namely: Allen J., George J., Clarence D., Fred D., Amanda C., Orpha J., William Henry and Harry M.

Mr. Wirt utilizes his right of franchise in the support of the Republican party, and fraternally he stands as one of the charter members of James Clabaugh Post, No. 54, G. A. R., and a member of Blue Earth Valley Lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M. He has rendered efficient service as Township Treasurer, member of the School Board, and Supervisor. He is a man who keeps himself

Stephen Turner.

well posted on the topics of the day, is broad and liberal in his views, and by his frank and jovial nature he ingratiates himself with all who come in contact with him, either in a business or social way.

STEPHEN TURNER, the genial and popular host of the Park Hotel, of Wells, Minnesota, has a wide acquaintance not only in this community but also with the traveling public who visit this section of the State, and his friendship is prized most by those who know him best, a fact which indicates sterling qualities of genuine worth.

Mr. Turner was born in the city of Richmond, Virginia, February 14, 1855, and comes of an old Virginian family, his parents having emigrated from Amherst county of the Old Dominion to the Badger State at an early day. He spent his childhood days in his home near the river's bank and attended school until fifteen years of age, when, wishing to earn his own livelihood, he sought and obtained employment of W. D. Fox, the affable landlord of the Fox House, of Portage. Thus during the greater part of his life he has been connected with the hotel business. Being the possessor of a sunny disposition, he soon won favor with his employer and popularity with the guests of the house, so that he was soon given full charge of the dining department of the hotel, in which capacity he capably served until 1879, when he left home and went to La Crosse, Wisconsin, having obtained a similar position in the large hotel which was conducted there under the name of the Cameron House. He had entire charge of the dining room and everything connected therewith, and during the six years of his service there he won additional friends and again secured the approbation and good-will and confidence of his employer.

In 1885 he embarked in the hotel business for himself, and purchased, in Wells, Minnesota, the old Wells House. His previous experience stood him in good stead, and his success was assured from the beginning. For a period of over eight years Stephen Turner was the manager of that hotel, and it became the favorite stopping place with the public. In 1893 he removed further West, this time locating in Madison, South Dakota, where he leased the Park Hotel, giving to it his personal supervison and attention for a year. He then returned to Wells and erected the Park Hotel at this place, which is to-day one of the best hotels in Southern Minnesota, with accommodations for over half a hundred guests. The house is built in a modern style of architecture and everything is arranged for the greatest convenience and pleasure of its patrons from the well lighted and well ventilated chambers to the comfortable parlors and dining room, where all the luxuries of the season are found.

On the 14th of July, 1880, Mr. Turner led to the marriage altar Miss Ada E. Chatwood, the wedding being celebrated in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Her father, William Chatwood, was born in Shropshire, while the mother was a native of Lincolnshire, both in England, and they came to this country many years ago. Mrs. Turner is an intelligent and accomplished lady. She has been of great assistance to her husband and shares in the high esteem which is rendered him. To them has been born one child, Grace Frances, a maiden of twelve summers, who is quite gifted in vocal and instrumental

music and a thorough student in the English branches.

In his political affiliations Mr. Turner is a Republican and stanchly advocates the principles of his party, but has never sought office, preferring to give his time and energies to his business interests. He is a charter member of Camp 1960, M. W. A., of Wells, and he has served as one of its Trustees, while at this writing he is the efficient secretary of the Driving Park Association, being a great lover of fine horses. Few residents of this community have a wider acquaintance and none are more highly regarded, for his pleasant, courteous and genial manner makes him a great favorite.

JOHN EVANS, an honored pioneer farmer of Lura township, Faribault county, now living a retired life, has been connected with this locality since the early days when the land was wild and largely in possession of the Government, when the now thriving towns and villages had not yet sprung into existence, when the railroad and telegraph were unknown here and when the entire country in that section of the State seemed just opened up to civilization. In the work of development and cultivation he has ever borne his part, and among the founders of Faribault county he well deserves mention.

A native of Wales, he was born in Montgomeryshire, October 14, 1832, and is a son of John and Catherine (Jones) Evans. His grandparents emigrated from Cœrnarvonshire, Wales, to Montgomeryshire, early in the last century, and the grandfather, who bore the name of John, served as an excise officer. Both he and his son John were men of prominence in the communities where they lived and were honored for their sterling worth. To John and Catherine Evans were born three children: Edward, the eldest, died in his native land, in his eighteenth year; our subject is the second; and Mary, the only daughter, became the wife of David Jehu, an auctioneer of Montgomeryshire. Her death occurred there at the age of forty-seven years. The mother of this family also passed away in Montgomeryshire, after which the father wedded Mary Jones, a native of that shire. They had two children: Samuel, who is still living in his native county; and Hannah, who died in the eighteenth year of her age. The former has visited this country, crossing the Atlantic and spending about a year with our subject.

Born in a modest home, John Evans spent the days of his boyhood and youth in a quiet manner, attending the national schools until his thirteenth year, when he entered a general store, in which he was employed for four years, receiving as a compensation for his services only his board; but he acquired a good knowledge of business, which has proven of incalculable benefit to him in his later years. He next went to Chester, England, where he engaged as a clerk, and a year later he left that place, and after drifting around aimlessly for a time he reached the home of his uncle Samuel in Montgomeryshire. At this period he determined to seek a home in America and embarked on a three-mast sailing vessel, the Cultivator, which after a voyage of five weeks reached New York, on the 1st day of July, and was there amid the celebration of Independence Day. He lingered not, but, by way of Philadelphia, went to Pittsburg, where he had some cousins, who had preceded him to this country some years.

Mr. Evans was now an American citizen. He secured employment in a grocery store in Pittsburg, and obtained a further insight into mercantile affairs. In October, 1854, he made his way to Green Lake county, Wisconsin, then a part of Marquette county, where he arrived in November. There he learned carpentering under John Haynes, a finished workman from London, England, who had emigrated to America in 1850 and located in the Badger State. With that gentleman our subject continued until the latter's death, which occurred in Lura township, Faribault county, Minnesota, in the forty-ninth year of his age. He was a well known citizen of this locality, and was the first white man to find a resting place in Lura cemetery. He was a man of noble Christian character, and will be remembered by many old settlers who held him in high regard. The friendship which existed between Mr. Evans and Mr. Haynes was an almost ideal one. For a quarter of a century they were companions in business and in social life, and as the years passed their mutual confidence and respect increased. They shared pioneer life in Wisconsin together, and in May, 1865, they came together to Minnesota. They were accompanied by Alfred Haynes, a brother of John, and driving two yoke of oxen they at length reached Lura township on the 17th of June, having passed through Portage, New Lisbon and La Crosse, while *en route*. The Mississippi was crossed at La Crescent, and they passed through St. Charles, Rochester, Owatonna and Wilton.

On reaching Lura township Mr. Evans secured a claim of 160 acres of Government land, located on section 29, and erected a frame house, 14 x 16 feet, from lumber which was hauled by oxen from the mill on Cobb river. He was assisted in this work by Mr. Haynes, and then the two friends built a log house for the latter on section 33, Lura township. They endured the hardships of pioneer life and went through the difficulties which come to frontier settlers.

John Haynes had a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom five are still living: Maria wedded Orlando Holmes, better known among his friends as "George." He is a native of New York and resides at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, being employed as engineer on the Wisconsin Central, his division being between Stevens Point and Portage, Wisconsin. William O., born in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, August 13, 1856, has for the past thirty years been a close neighbor and a bosom friend of his uncle, the subject of this sketch. He has been quite an important factor in the development of this section of the country and has taken part in many enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit to Lura township.

He married Emeline Wood, a native of the Badger State, and to them were born three children,—Sadie, Florence and Emeline. David is a farmer on section 33, Lura township; Sarah is the wife of William Chaffee, who carries on agricultural pursuits on section 9, Lura township; Joseph, who is engaged in clerking in Delavan, Minnesota; and those who have passed away are Elizabeth and Edward.

On the 10th of October, 1858, Mr. Evans married Miss Maria Owens, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Evans) Owens. The lady was born in Liverpool, England, August 29, 1834, and is the youngest of nine children, three sons and six daughters, of whom only two survive,—Mrs. Evans, and

Margaret, widow of James Beard, who came from Manchester, England, and married Miss Owens in New York in 1838. They had five children, four living: Owen James, a farmer of Prescott township; Harrietta, wife of Griffith M. Jones, of Blue Earth City, Minnesota; Mary, wife of Frederick Dolliver, who is living in northern Iowa; and Anna, wife of Edward Dolliver, who is also living in Iowa. The parents of Mrs. Evans emigrated to America in 1844, locating first in Syracuse, New York, and then removing to Rochester, that State, whence they went to Green Lake county, Wisconsin, in 1848. Mr. Owens erected a frame house in the village of Kingston, and there the father died at the age of seventy-four. His wife came with the family to Minnesota in 1865. She was a native of Wales, and died in Lura township at the advanced age of eighty-four, her remains being interred in Lura cemetery.

Six children have been born to our subject and his wife: William J., the eldest, born October 31, 1859, in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, is now engaged in farming and stock-raising in Lac-qui-parle county, Minnesota; Edward O., born April 29, 1861, in Green Lake county, is now managing the Evans estate, comprising 720 acres of the best farming land in Faribault county; Samuel, born in Green Lake county, April 12, 1863, owns a farm on section 28, Lura township; Richard E., born in Lura township, September 23, 1867, is operating a farm of 160 acres on section 32 of the same township; David, born on the old homestead, September 1, 1872, makes his home with his parents; Henry, born on the home farm, March 19, 1877, completes the family. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have reared a family of sons of whom they may well be proud, all having become honorable, upright and useful citizens.

In his political views Mr. Evans is a Republican. He cast his first Presidential vote for James Buchanan, but has since voted for the men and measures of the Republican party. He is a charter member of the lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, located in Delavan, Minnesota. In 1879 he returned to the land of his birth and spent five very pleasant months in visiting friends and relatives, and in again looking upon the scenes among which his youth was passed. He is, however, content with his American home. His once wild claim has been transformed into one of the fine farms of Faribault county. A pretty frame residence is now surrounded by beautiful shade trees, which were planted by his own hands, and his possessions have all been acquired by his earnest and commendable labors. His life has been well spent, honorable and upright in all things and the worthy pioneer is esteemed by all who know him.

HUMPHREY METCALF BLAISDELL, attorney-at-law, Fairmont, is a son of Alfred Metcalf Blaisdell, who was born in Orland, Maine, May 12, 1803. He was a son of Daniel and Anna (Saunders) Blaisdell. Daniel was a son of Moses and Anna (Sanborn) Blaisdell. The father of Moses Blaisdell was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to America in 1740, locating in either Massachusetts or New Hampshire. He moved from Newburyport to Amesbury, Massachusetts, where Moses was born. He next located in Pictou, Nova Scotia, and in 1783 removed to Penobscot valley, now Hancock county, Maine,

where his death occurred on Orphan's isle. The mother of our subject, *nee* Judith Howard Gray, was born in Sedgwick, Maine, December 22, 1801, of English descent. She saw old Fort Castine blown up by the Americans to keep it from falling into the hands of the British. Her father, Joab Gray, was born at Sedgwick, Maine, and died there May 12, 1821; and her mother, whose maiden name was Abigail Willcome, was born at Cape Ann, Massachusetts, and died in Orland, Maine, in May, 1856.

Alfred M. Blaisdell and Judith H. Gray were married at Sedgwick, Maine, January 8, 1824, and located in Orland, Maine, where the former was a seafaring man and later a farmer and lumberman. They afterward moved to Dedham, Maine, and next to Otis, that State, where he died February 23, 1878, his wife surviving him until February 3, 1886. In political matters he was first a Democrat, and afterward, on account of the slavery issue, was identified with the Republican party. He was a member of the Maine Legislature in 1847, held the office of Justice of the Peace, and served as Postmaster of Otis, from 1861 until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Blaisdell had nine children, namely: Harriet Ann, wife of Daniel Conden, of Dedham, Maine; William Saunders, who died at sea; Elizabeth Saunders, wife of D. S. Winchester, of Holden, Maine; Abigail Gray, who married Lewis Jordan, of Hancock, that State; Charles Osgood, a resident of Otis; Mary Augusta, wife of W. H. Weatherbee, of Bangor; Ricardo Alvonia, wife of Eben Kingman, of Otis; Humphrey Metcalf, the subject of this sketch, and one son who died at the age of nine months.

H. M. Blaisdell was born at Otis, Maine, September 10, 1841. He remained there until April, 1861, when he enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company H, Second Maine Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and his was the first regiment from Maine in Washington, D. C. At the battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861, Mr. Blaisdell was wounded by a musket ball in the left leg, and lay on the field two weeks, when he was carried by the enemy to Richmond, Virginia. He remained in Libby prison until December, 1861, was then in the rebel prison at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, until March, 1862, and from that time until June, 1862, remained in the prison at Salisbury, North Carolina, when he was paroled, and afterward joined the Army of the Potomac. In November, 1862, he was discharged on account of the wound received at Bull Run. Remaining at his home in Maine until the following July, Mr. Blaisdell enlisted as Sergeant in Company C, First Maine Heavy Artillery, and was on detached duty until the summer of 1864. He next attended the military academy on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, participated in the defense of Washington, D. C., against Generals Early and Breckenridge; July 11, 1864, was examined at Washington by the board of which Major General Silas Casey was president, and was commissioned First Lieutenant in the Twelfth United States Colored Heavy Artillery July 23d of the same year. Mr. Blaisdell did duty in Kentucky and Tennessee, and was captured January 8, 1865, at Big Spring, Kentucky, by General Lyon's cavalry; was part of the time in command of Company E, of that regiment, until April 24, 1866, when he was mustered out of service by reason of the reorganization of the army. Four days afterward Lieutenant Blaisdell passed an examination for a commission in the regular army before the board of which Colonel Charles G. Bartlett, U. S. A., was

president; but, owing to heart disease contracted during his five years' service, he was obliged to relinquish the idea, and returned to Maine.

Our subject graduated at East Maine Conference Seminary at Bucksport, that State, and while a student there represented his district in the Maine Legislature in 1868. Up to that time there had been but two Republicans in the Legislature from the town of Otis, the first having been the father of our subject, in 1847. Mr. Blaisdell next read law with Hon. Eugene Hale, of Ellsworth, Maine, and was admitted to the bar of Hancock county in 1868. In the following spring he came to Fairmont, Minnesota, where he has since resided, engaged in the active practice of law. In 1887 he purchased the Fairmont News, and published the same until the spring of 1894, when he gave the editorship to his eldest son, Josiah Crosby Blaisdell. The paper has always been independent in political matters, and has one of the best plants of any country paper in the State. Although a Republican, our subject is somewhat inclined to the independents in political affairs. Socially, he has been a member of the Loyal Legion since its organization in June, 1885, has been a member of the Masonic order since 1866, and has served as Commander of Phil Kearny Post, No. 18, G. A. R., and served on the staffs of Commanders in Chief Fairchild and Rea, of the National G. A. R.

August 27, 1871, Mr. Blaisdell was united in marriage with Henrietta Hill Crosby, born in Dexter, Maine, February 18, 1850, a daughter of Hon. Josiah Crosby, who was born in New Hampshire, November 25, 1817, and now resides in Dexter, where he is the second in point of age now in active law practice in the United States. He graduated in Bowdoin College in 1835, and, among other prominent positions, served as Lieutenant Governor of Maine in 1868, and for several years in the Legislature of that State, both in the House and Senate. The mother of Mrs. Blaisdell, *nee* Mary Bradbury Foss, was born in Maine March 22, 1834, and still resides at her home in Dexter, that State. Mrs. Blaisdell received her education at Dexter, Maine, and at Antioch College, in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Our subject and wife have three sons,—Josiah Crosby, editor of the Fairmont News; Alfred, and Arthur.

RIAL B. JOHNSON, retired, a well-known citizen of Blue Earth City, Faribault county, Minnesota, was born in Grafton, New Hampshire, October 22, 1827, third in the family of seven children, of Jesse and Dorothea (Smith) Johnson. His grandfather, Nathan Johnson, was of English descent, and was a member of one of the early New England families. Rial B. spent the first sixteen years of his life on a farm, receiving his education in the common schools, and at sixteen entered upon an apprenticeship to the trade of shoemaker. After completing his trade he worked as a journeyman for several years. In 1850 he engaged in business for himself at Rutland, Vermont, and while there accumulated considerable property, at one time owning a good share of the property on the north side of Center street in that town, near where the Government building now stands.

In 1856 Mr. Johnson came west to Wisconsin, and located in Berlin, where he carried on business two years, at the end of

that time coming to Minnesota, crossing the Mississippi river May 5, 1858, the day Minnesota was admitted into the Union. He located at Winnebago City and entered 160 acres of Government land in the township of Vernon, on section eight. This place he improved, and remained upon it until the Indian outbreak in 1862. He then moved into the village, and carried on business there four years. In 1866 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of Treasurer of Faribault county. This office he filled for twelve years, serving with credit both to himself and his constituency. While Treasurer of the county he compiled a set of abstract books, which have become very valuable.

When he was elected Treasurer he sold out his interests in Winnebago City and moved to Blue Earth City, where he has since remained. At the expiration of his long term of office, Mr. Johnson turned his attention to the real-estate business, in which he was engaged for ten years, and since then he has been practically retired from active business. In 1879 he was elected to the State Senate, and served four years, being a member of the Court of Impeachment of Hon. E. St. Julien Cox, Judge of the Ninth Judicial District, in 1882; and he has also held many local offices of prominence and trust.

Mr. Johnson was married, in 1858, to Miss Ellen Davlin, a native of Addison county, Vermont, and a daughter of Lewis Davlin, who came from Ireland to this country and settled in the Green Mountain State, where he married a native of the Emerald Isle. Subsequently Mr. Davlin removed to Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of two children: Minnie, wife of S. A. Conklin, of Blue Earth City; and Don C., a prominent farmer of Blue Earth City township. Mr. and Mrs. Conklin have two children, Rial T. and Floyd Ray. Don C. Johnson was born December 31, 1860, and October 4, 1882, married Miss Minnie Carpenter. Their children are Claud G. and Burnett. He has a fine farm of 245 acres, well improved and in a high state of cultivation. For five years he has served as Supervisor. Mrs. Johnson, the devoted wife of our subject, departed this life September 29, 1889, at the age of fifty-three years. She was most amiable woman, a true Christian, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Johnson is identified with the F. & A. M., Blue Earth City Lodge, No. 57, and is also a Royal Arch Mason.

JOHN NEWTON KNUTSON, a druggist of Winnebago City, Faribault county, was born in Nicollet county, Minnesota, August 12, 1865, a son of K. R. and Rhoda Knutson, natives of Norway. They were married in Iowa, and for several years successfully carried on farming in Nicollet county, since which time they have lived retired in St. Peter.

J. N. Knutson grew to manhood on his father's farm, and received a good education in the district school and at the high school at St. Peter. On attaining his majority he entered a drug store in that city for the purpose of learning the business, and a few years afterward took a regular pharmaceutical course at Minneapolis, under the tutorship of Dr. Drew, the State Chemist, passing a creditable examination, and receiving his diploma March 4, 1890. In 1888 Mr. Knutson came to Winnebago City, and on

January 1, 1889, opened a drug store, which under his careful and judicious management has steadily increased until he now carries a large stock and has a profitable trade. He is an energetic and enterprising young man and takes a lively interest in all matters pertaining to the public good. He cast his first presidential vote for President Harrison, having since been an ardent Republican, and one of the active workers of the party. In 1893 he served in the village Council, and in 1894 was a representative from this county (Faribault) to the State Republican convention held at St. Paul in July of that year. Mr. Knutson was made a Mason in 1893, in Blue Earth Valley Lodge, No. 27, A. F. & A. M., and in 1894 received the Royal Arch degrees in Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., and is Noble Grand in the I. O. O. F.

March 6, 1891, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Della Moulton, a native of Winnebago City, and eldest daughter of George K. and Susan C. (Cogswell) Moulton. Mr. and Mrs. Knutson have two children,—Alice May and Harry Moulton.

CHARLES CLARENCE DONALDSON, M. D., stands in the front rank of the medical fraternity of Martin county and is now enjoying a large and lucrative practice in Fairmont, —a tribute to his skill and ability. Hardly any class of men exercise a greater influence in a community than those belonging to the medical profession, and among those who have made this influence a power for good is the gentleman whose name initiates this review.

Dr. Donaldson, who is of Scotch descent, has the honor of being a native of Minnesota, his birth having occurred in Rice county, about four miles from Faribault, on the 5th of December, 1858. The family was probably founded in America during early Colonial days. The grandfather, Charles Donaldson, was a native of Pennsylvania, and his son, R. F., the father of our subject, was born in the Ligonier valley of the Keystone State. There the days of his boyhood and youth were passed and in his earlier years he learned the tailor's trade. The year 1856 witnessed his emigration Westward and saw him located in Rice county, Minnesota, where he took up a claim and also established a general store. In connection with his brothers, he built a large, double brick store-building in Dundas, and for a number of years successfully carried on general merchandising, securing a large trade, which yielded to him a good income. In the year 1890 he came to Fairmont, where his last days were passed, and where he passed away at the age of sixty-five years. He wedded Mary J. Stuart, who was born and reared in Ohio and was of Irish lineage. She died at the age of forty years. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson had a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters, all of whom are yet living.

The eldest son and third child of the family is the Doctor, and with pleasure we turn to personal mention of this worthy citizen of Fairmont. He was reared in the county of his nativity and began his education in the district schools. His early privileges were afterward supplemented by study in Carlton College, in Rice county, and at the age of twenty he went to Pennsylvania, entering the Elder Ridge Academy, from which he was in due time graduated.

Wishing to enter the medical profession

A. J. Sedgman.

and make its practice his life work, he began fitting himself for that calling in Northfield, Rice county, in the office and under the direction of Dr. William Greaves. At Iowa City he attended medical lectures for one term, and in 1887, after a thorough course of study, he was graduated from the Western Reserve University, of Cleveland, Ohio. The degree of M. D. was conferred upon him and he at once located in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he opened an office. In the autumn of the same year he went to Clark county, South Dakota, where he continued in practice for three years, coming to Fairmont in 1890, since which time he has made this city his home. He has ever been a close student of his profession and keeps abreast with all the discoveries and theories connected with the science of medicine, being one of the best-informed practitioners in this section of the State. He had not long been in Fairmont when he began to receive frequent professional calls, and his practice has constantly grown in proportions until now he has a liberal patronage.

The lady who now bears the name of Mrs. Donaldson was in her maidenhood Miss Sarah Hine. She was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Peter Hine. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson has been blessed with three interesting children: Samuel, Lavinia and Robert.

The Doctor exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party. Socially he is connected with the Odd Fellows Society, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, also the Southern Minnesota Medical Society, and in these various organizations is a valued and honored representative. His entire life has been passed in Minnesota, and those who have known him from his early youth are numbered among his warmest friends.

AMISON JACKSON HODGMAN has been identified with the growth and upbuilding of Martin county since the days of its infancy, aided in the organization of the township in which he now makes his home,—Pleasant Prairie,—and has not withheld his support and cooperation from any enterprise calculated to promote the general welfare. This volume would be incomplete without the record of his life, and we are glad thus to perpetuate his memory by written record.

Mr. Hodgman was born in Onondaga county, New York, November 4, 1829, and comes of a family of German and French lineage. His grandfather, Samuel Hodgman, was one of the pioneer settlers of both Saratoga and Onondaga counties, New York. By trade he was a blacksmith and located on a farm on which the town of East Syracuse, New York, was afterward built. He erected the first house in that place and there made his home until his death at the age of forty-seven years. The father of our subject, Daniel Hodgman, was a native of Saratoga, but was reared in Onondaga county, whither he removed with his parents when a child of four years. Having reached maturity he married Miss Mary Rotnour, a native of New York, born in Montgomery county. Her father, Henry Rotnour, was of Holland descent. Mary Rotnour's mother was a daughter of General John A. Everhart. Daniel Hodgman and his wife first located on the old homestead in Onondaga county, and in 1824 removed to Chautauqua county, New York, but after two and a half

years passed there they returned to the former county. There the father died, at the age of sixty-four years, in 1861, and the mother passed away at the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

In the family of this worthy and esteemed couple were four sons and four daughters: Harrison S., who is living in Onondaga county; Jeanette H., who became the wife of Herman C. Finch and had five children, but her husband and children are all now deceased; Marien S., deceased; A. J., of this notice; Henry, a resident of Laramie City, Wyoming; Christiana E., wife of Simon Reals, of Onondaga county; Harriet L., wife of Ward Eaton of Onondaga county; and Daniel I , of Idaho.

A. J. Hodgman spent the days of his childhood and youth in his parents' home, and attended the common schools of the neighborhood, obtaining a fair English education. His first independent effort in life was as a farm hand, working in that capacity for $7 per month, and afterward having his wages raised to the munificent sum of $13. He early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and following the occupation to which he was reared he has won a handsome competence in his business dealings through life.

As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Mr. Hodgman chose Miss Louisa Walrath, the wedding taking place in 1851. The lady was born in Montgomery county, New York, and was a daughter of Peter I. Walrath and a descendant of an old Mohawk Dutch family. By that union were born eleven children, eight yet living: William H., of Handy, Martin county, Minnesota; Lydia A., wife of Robert E. Hill, who resides in Pleasant Prairie township; Lillie, wife of J. D. Drake of Center Creek township, Martin county; Jennie, wife of Judson Parks of the same county; Rose, wife of J. T. Tinker of Center Creek township; Inez, wife of Ed Older, who makes his home in Fairmont; Nellie, wife of William Hensler, of Handy, Minnesota; Franklin, at home. The mother of this family died October 1, 1872. Mr. Hodgman was again married in 1876, his second union being with Henrietta De Grush, widow of William De Grush. She was born in Ohio, and when about three years old went to Illinois. Three children grace this union,—Minnie D., Mary L., and Zora May. Mrs. Hodgman died July 3, 1883, aged thirty-nine years.

In the year 1861 Mr. Hodgman emigrated to the West, settling in Columbia county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming for three years, coming then to Martin county, in 1864, and arriving here on the 18th of October; and he has since been identified with the history of this community. He secured a homestead, built a sod house with a dirt roof and took up his residence upon the farm, being one of the oldest settlers now living in the township. The land was still in its primitive condition, not a furrow having been turned or an improvement made upon the place, but with characteristic energy he began its development and in course of time the wild prairie was made to yield its wealth and blossom as the rose. His farming operations were interrupted, however, in 1865, by his enlistment in the service of his country as a membea of Company H, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery. The regiment was stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and he continued with that command until after the cessation of hostilities, when the South, having laid

down its arms, he was mustered out at Nashville, and received an honorable discharge at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Throughout his service he held the rank of Corporal.

Returning at once to his home Mr. Hodgman has since devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. The early days were a period of hardship. The farm yielded small returns, and he had to chop wood and engage in trapping in order to support his family; but as time has passed his untiring labors and his good business ability have brought him prosperity, and he is now an extensive land owner, his possessions aggregating 480 acres, all under a high state of cultivation and improved with the conveniences and accessories of a model farm. In connection with general farming he carries on stock-raising, keeping on hand good grades of cattle and hogs. A man of steadfast purpose he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and he certainly deserves great credit for his success in life. He may truly be called a self-made man, and merits all the praise indicated by that term.

On questions of State and national importance, Mr. Hodgman votes with the Democracy, but at local elections, where no political issue is involved, he supports the man whom he believes best qualified, regardless of party affiliations. His fellow citizens, appreciating his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office, and in the positions he has filled his prompt and faithful discharge of duty has won him high commendation. He was for three years Town Treasurer, has been side Supervisor and Chairman of the Town Board, and was one of the organizers of the township. He holds his social membership in Phil Kearny Post, G. A. R., of Fairmont, and in social circles he occupies an enviable position. Martin county has reason to be proud of him for the important part which he has taken in her work, and to him owes a debt of gratitude for his untiring labors in her behalf.

QUANSKE is one of the honored pioneers of Faribault county and a practical and progressive farmer who now owns and occupies 425 acres of rich and valuable land. His farm is pleasantly located on section 11, Blue Earth City township, and its neat and thrifty appearance well indicate the enterprise and progressive spirit which are so characteristic of the owner. Among the well-known citizens of Faribault county none are more deserving of representation in this volume than the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

Mr. Manske was born in Padstolide-Posen, on the 25th of December, 1833, and is a son of Ernest and Christina (Smidt) Manske, who were also natives of the same locality,—the mother having been only fifteen years of age at the time of her marriage. The father was a miller by trade and carried on that occupation throughout his entire life. He also owned and managed a farm of thirty acres, which was regarded as quite an extensive tract of land in that locality. Ernest Manske was born in 1801 and died in 1840. His children were as follows: August, who is now living in the Fatherland; Adolph; Christian; Ludwig, who came to America in 1860 and served in the Union army from 1861 to 1863, during which time he was wounded in the leg, at the battle of Huntsville, his death resulting from this injury; and Samuel, who died in

childhood. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Manske became the wife of Mr. Seaford and by that union was born one child, Isabel. Mr. Seaford died four years after this marriage and the mother of our subject married a Mr. Guest by whom she had three children: Ernest, Lena and Augusta.

C. Manske remained at home until nineteen years of age and then entered the army, serving as a member of the Guards from 1853 until 1856. From the time he was sixteen years of age he had a strong desire to come to America, but the laws of his native land enforced his military service. After three years he was granted a year's leave of absence and on the 8th day of May, 1857, in company with an old schoolmate, Christ Metz, he set sail from Bremen on a steamer bound for New York. Neither of the young men could speak a word of English and this occasioned many incidents which at that time were very perplexing and troublesome, but which, in the lapse of years, have become amusing.

On leaving New York, Mr. Manske inquired the way to Milwaukee, and his companion how to reach Wisconsin. The consequence was that the former was put on board a boat and the latter was sent by rail, but the next morning they met in Albany, New York, and continued their journey together on the train. On reaching Milwaukee they began looking for work, but were unsuccessful in their search. By this time Mr. Metz was out of money and the capital of Mr. Manske also was nearly exhausted. so that employment as a means of securing further funds was an absolute necessity. Packing their clothing in a little bundle they started out on foot with no destination in view and spent the first night in a freight-car which was standing on a side-track. The following morning they again resumed their journey and in the afternoon secured work at ditch-digging, receiving in compensation for their services one dollar per day. Feeling encouraged by their success in getting the needed employment, when their task was completed they once more started out and the following night they had to sleep out of doors, but their perseverance was at length rewarded and they secured a position at $10 per month. Subsequently they worked in the harvest fields at $1.50 a day and afterward for $12 per month.

The following winter the subject of this sketch attended school and in the spring engaged in "driving" logs on the Mississippi river. In 1860, accompanied by his old companion and countryman, he came to Faribault county, casting his lot with its early settlers. He made the journey on foot,—a distance of 300 miles,—and after he had arrived at his destination entered from the Government 160 acres of land, on which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made. On this he built a small house and then returned to Wisconsin and made another trip down the Mississippi as far as Dubuque.

Mr. Manske's next trip took him to Marquette county, Wisconsin, where on the 10th day of June, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Celmer, a native of Prussia who came to this country within the same year that her husband crossed the Atlantic. In Marquette county Mr. Manske purchased a yoke of oxen, and with his young wife started for their homestead in Minnesota, but on arriving here he found his house, which had been rudely constructed, blown down. They lived in their wagon-box until another dwelling could be

built. Their home was furnished with furniture of Mr. Manske's manufacture and they began their domestic life in true pioneer style, passing through all the privations and hardships incident to a residence on the frontier. In 1862 they and their neighbors were compelled to leave their homes on account of trouble with the Indians, but soon returned. Their first dwelling continued to be their place of abode for seventeen years, and though it was not supplied with the luxuries of many homes, many happy hours were passed there. Mr. Manske has improved his land and added to his farm until now within its boundries are comprised 425 acres of the best soil of Faribault county, and his labors have transformed it into rich and fertile fields which yield to him a good return for the care and labor he bestows upon them.

In those early days the pioneer home was brightened by the presence of three children,—Edward; Elizabeth, now the wife of John Franks, a resident of Blue Earth City; and Henry. The parents are faithful and consistent members of the Lutheran Church and are actively interested in its upbuilding. In his political views Mr. Manske is a Democrat.

In 1885 he returned to his native land on a visit to his aged mother, who died the following year at the age of seventy-three. The trip was a pleasant one and he enjoyed the time spent among the haunts of his youth and in renewing the acquaintances of his childhood, but he does not regret his emigration to America, and this community has no more loyal or faithful citizen than he. Success had here attended his efforts and by good management, perseverance and well-directed efforts he has added to his possessions until he is now regarded as one of the wealthiest farmers of Faribault county. As a pioneer he has witnessed much of the growth and development of this region and has aided in its upbuilding and progress, withholding his support from no enterprise calculated to promote the general welfare.

HON. JOHN FRANKLIN DANIELS, of Fairmont, Martin county, is a son of Levinus L. and Abigail (Spaulding) Daniels, natives of New Hampshire. The father was born June 14, 1798, a son of John Daniels, a native of Connecticut. The mother was born December 28, 1801. The were married in New Hampshire, and located in Hartland, Vermont, where they resided many years. They were the parents of eleven children, ten of whom grew to years of maturity, and six are now living,—Norman Curtis; John Franklin; Helen M., wife of Elias R. Stickney; George Hamden; Henry Herbert and Joseph Warren. One son, James W., was a soldier in the civil war. Mr. Daniels was a member of the Universalist Church, and his wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John F. Daniels, the subject of this sketch, was born in Hartland, Windsor county, Vermont, August 15, 1827, and was reared to farm life until nineteen years of age. He then began railroad carpentering, which he continued until May 18, 1858, when an accident occurred on the Great Western Railroad of Canada (now a part of the Grand Trunk system), that rendered him totally blind for three years. Two operations were performed, one in 1861 and another in 1862, which were partially successful. Mr. Daniels then began sawing wood and working at whatever else he could

find to do, and in 1866, poor and almost blind, he arrived in Fairmont, Minnesota, where he sawed wood during the winters and dug wells, cisterns, etc., in the summer.

October 9, 1878, our subject was united in marriage with Lucy A. Eldred, born in Becket, Massachusetts, January 5, 1830, a daughter of Martin Luther and Lucy (Smith) Blair, natives also of that State, the father born February 11, 1804, and the mother July 3, 1806. The father was of Scotch-English descent. In 1832 they removed to Rochester, Lorain county, Ohio, where Mr. Blair followed carpentering. Both are now deceased. Six of their thirteen children are now living, namely: Lucy A.; Sarah A. wife of Henry L. Benedict; Franklin H.; Luke P.; Emily A.; and Mary E., who married Raymond Stoughton. Mr. and Mrs. Blair were members of the Congregational Church. Mrs. Daniels is a member and active worker in that church, in which she is President of the Ladies' Aid Society and ex-President of the Missionary Society.

Mr. Daniels affiliates with the Republican party. He served as President of the School Board of Fairmont for a number of years before its organization into an independent district. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1873, in which he served with credit one term. Mr. Daniels is now totally blind.

JOHN WHIPPLE GOULD, D. V. S., a successful veterinary surgeon and real-estate dealer of Fairmont, Minnesota, is a native of the Green Mountain State, his birth having occurred in Orleans county, on the 1st of May, 1844. His father, George Gould, was a native of New Hampshire, was of English descent and throughout his entire life followed the occupation of farming. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Daniels, was also of English descent and was a native of Vermont. They became the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, all of whom reached adult age. In order of birth they are as follows: George, who is living in Salem, Oregon; Ralph, who died at the age of thirty years; Nathan, who resides in Millbank, South Dakota; Samuel, who laid down his life on the altar of this country while in the Union army; John W., of this sketch; Nathaniel, who died in California at the age of about forty years; Charles, of Kansas; Mrs. Olive Brown, of Brainard, Minnesota: Hannah, deceased; and Alferette, wife of Eli Swetland.

Under the parental roof Dr. Gould was reared to manhood. The first twelve years of his life were passed in the State of his nativity and in 1856 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Dodge county, Wisconsin. In 1859 the family went to Goodhue county, Minnesota, where, in 1861, our subject offered his services to the Government, enlisting in Company K, Second Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. He was then only seventeen years of age. He was with his company for only nine months, when on account of disability he was discharged. He then returned home, but in 1862 re-enlisted, joining the valiant troops of Company C, Sixth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war. He participated in some of the most important engagements of the war and continued in the service for a little more than four years. For two years he was in the Indian service in the West, but wherever duty called he was always found,—a faithful defender of the old flag and the cause

it represented. While engaged in service against the Indians, he was located in Fairmont in 1863, and at that time he took up a claim in Tenhassen township, Martin county. After the war closed he came to this place, in November, 1865, and located on the land which he had secured two years previous. With characteristic energy he began its development and placed the once barren tract under a high state of cultivation, continuing its improvement until 1881, when he abandoned agricultural pursuits and came to Fairmont, embarking in the real-estate business and also practicing veterinary surgery. For fifteen years he successfully practiced and then, in order to further perfect himself, he went to Chicago and after pursuing a two years' course was graduated, in 1892, from the Chicago Veterinary College. He thoroughly understands his business and in the prosecution of his profession has secured a good income, for his ability has won him a liberal patronage.

In the year 1866 Dr. Gould married Miss Charlotte Babcock, a native of Hillsdale county, Michigan, and they have three children: Dr. James N., the eldest, graduated from the Chicago Veterinary College in the same class with his father, and is now engaged in practice in Worthington, Minnesota; Clara is the wife of Fred Rouse, a resident farmer of Martin county; and John H. is at home.

In his social relations the Doctor is connected with the Odd Fellows society, holding membership with Fairmont Lodge, No. 70, I. O. O. F., and is also a member of Phil. Kearny Post, No. 18, G. A. R. He votes with the Prohibition party and is a warm friend of the temperance cause. During nearly his entire residence in Tenhassen township he served as a member of the town Board of Supervisors, and part of the time was chairman. Real estate is the minor branch of his business and yet he has been largely interested in it. He has at one time owned as high as 700 acres of farm land and has handled other valuable property. His business has been ably conducted and his enterprise, diligence and sagacity have made him one of the substantial citizens of the community.

JEHU HAYWORTH, of Fairmont, is a son of Jehu and Elizabeth (Chandler) Hayworth, natives of Virginia. They were married in their native State, and shortly afterward located in Kentucky and later removed to Vigo county, Indiana, where they were among the early pioneers. The mother departed this life in 1835, and the father died two years afterward. Both grandfathers of our subject were soldiers in the Revolutionary war, and his father, with two brothers, served in the war of 1812.

Jehu Hayworth, the only one surviving of fifteen children, eight of whom grew to maturity, was born in Vigo county, Indiana, November 22, 1828, and remained there until seventeen years of age, having been obliged to earn his own living after his ninth year. He then spent one year in Green county, Wisconsin, worked one year in De Kalb county, Illinois, worked for $8 per month for two years in Winnebago county, that State, and in 1850 returned to Wisconsin. Mr. Hayworth purchased Government land in La Crosse county, which he partially improved and then sold. He also bought and improved another claim in that county. In 1863 he located on wild land in Martin county, Minnesota, which he improved and

on which he lived for twelve years. He then lived in Elm Creek eight years, since which he has resided in Fairmont.

In February, 1865, Mr. Hayworth enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company I, Second Minnesota Cavalry, and was engaged in guard duty until November, of the same year, when he was honorably discharged. In 1883 our subject began carrying United States mail over the star route, from Fairmont to Pleasant Prairie, Pixley and East Chain Lakes. His route was afterwards changed from Fairmont to Bancroft, which he retained for one year and three months. In 1891 he again took up that occupation, carrying the mail three times a week.

In 1849, at Beloit, Wisconsin, Mr. Hayworth was united in marriage with Amanda F. Segar, born in Berkshire county, Massachusetts, April 30, 1832, a daughter of Julius and Abigail (Targee) Segar, natives also of that State. In 1836 they located in Warren county, New York, four years afterward removed to Winnebago county, Illinois, in 1848 to Marquette county, Wisconsin, thence to La Crosse county, that State, and next to Wabasha county, Minnesota. Mrs. Segar died in 1838, and her husband survived until 1887. They were the parents of eight children, four now living. Of Mr. and Mrs. Hayworth's seven children, four are now living,—Emsley, who married Lovina Jones, and resides in Frazer township, Martin county; George, of Fairmont, married Ellen Stewart; Dudley, of Quincy, Illinois; and Jehu, who married Anna Hurr, and resides in California. In his social relations Mr. Hayworth is a member of Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., of Fairmont, in which he has served as Junior Deacon for seven years, and as a member of the G. A. R. he has filled some of the offices in his post. Politically he is an active worker in the Republican party, and has held the positions of Supervisor, Constable, Assessor and School Director.

CAPTAIN HENRY ROBERT WALKER, a farmer of Faribault county, was born at Oxford, Maine, March 7, 1830, a son of Clariden Walker, a native of Worcester, Massachusetts. His father and uncle, William and Abram Walker, were of Scotch parentage, and were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. The mother of our subject, *nee* Ruth Bisbee, was a native of Maine, and her grandparents were from Plymouth, Massachusetts, of Puritan stock. Her death occurred in 1840, and she left six children, two sons and four daughters. In 1852 the father and children removed to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and the former died there at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a farmer and mason by occupation, and was identified with the Democratic party until 1856, when he voted for Fremont.

Henry R. Walker, the subject of this sketch, was reared at his native place, and for a number of years was engaged at the mason's and shoemaker's trades. At the age of twenty-two years he located in Wisconsin, where he worked at his trades and farming, and in 1855 came with Henry Stoddard to Faribault county, Minnesota. During the winter of 1855-6 there were only five white men in the county. At Lincoln's call for 30,000 men, Mr. Walker enlisted in Company D, Ninth Minnesota Infantry, was elected Second Lieutenant of his company, and took part in the battles of Price's Cross Roads, Tupelo, Nashville, etc. He

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afterward received a commission as Captain of his company, and was mustered out of service August 23, 1865. Returning to this county he located on his present farm, where he has 160 acres under a fine state of cultivation.

September 7, 1856, Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Adelia Mason, a native of Orleans county, New York, and a daughter of Elliott and Caroline (Duning) Mason, the former a native of Connecticut, and the latter of Fort Ticonderoga, Vermont. They located in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, in 1850, and in 1863 came to this county. The father died while on a visit in Newark, New York, and the mother died in Faribault county, in 1878. They had five children, four daughters and one son. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have had six children, namely: Clarendon, married and living on the farm at home; Ada, wife of John E. Snider, of this county; Carrie, wife of Ed Clark, of this township; Alice, wife of Charles Bassett, also of Prescott township; Charles H., of Martin county; and George, who is attending school. In political matters Mr. Walker affiliates with the Republican party. In 1866 he was appointed Postmaster of this place, and has served as Township Supervisor and Clerk a number of years.

FRANKLIN W. CADY is ranked with the leading pioneers and prominent and highly respected citizens of Faribault county. His beautiful rural home in Verona township, near Winnebago City, is the abode of culture and refinement, and is one of the most delightful places in southern Minnesota.

Mr. Cady descended from some of the prominent old Puritan families of Massachusetts. He was born in Lake county, Ohio, January 15, 1826, son of William and Louis (Mixer) Cady, both natives of the old Bay State. William Cady was born in Springfield, Massachussetts, and was reared on a farm and received a good education. At the age of twenty-five, and unmarried, he sought his fortune in the Western Reserve, making the journey by wagon to Lake county, Ohio, where he became a pioneer settler. There he was subsequently married to Miss Louis Mixer. She was born in Dalton, Massachusetts, and when fourteen years of age removed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Mixer, to Ohio. Her mother, whose maiden name was Fobes, descended from a titled family of England. Both the Mixer and Fobes families were among the pioneers of Ohio. In Lake county William Cady and his wife spent their lives and died, he dying at the age of sixty years, and she at seventy-six. By occupation he was a farmer. They had four children, viz.: Augusta R. Colby, of Kansas; Cornelia A. Reed, who died at Austinburg, Ohio; Francis B., who died at St. Louis, Missouri; and Franklin W.

Franklin W. Cady was reared in Lake county, Ohio, and received his education in the district schools and Grand River Institute. It was his good fortune to study penmanship under the instructions of Professor P. R. Spencer, author of the Spencerian system. At the age of twenty we find young Cady teaching school and also having a writing class.

Like his father before him and like many another ambitious young man, he was seized with a spirit of emigration, the boundless West offering many attractions. Accordingly, in 1850, we find him on his way to

Wisconsin, Columbia county being his destination. Near Portage, that county, he settled on a tract of wild land, and there improved a good farm. In 1859 he was a victim of the Colorado gold "fever," and that year made the trip with an ox team to Pike's Peak, passing through Denver when that now magnificent city contained only a few log cabins. He remained in Colorado, engaged in mining, for eighteen months, at the end of which time he returned to Wisconsin. That was in 1861; and in June of that year he came to his present location and purchased 160 acres of the place upon which has since been the home farm. To his original purchase he has since added until now he has 400 acres, a beautiful tract of land, through which South creek meanders. His modern residence, built in 1888, by its furnishings and surroundings gives every evidence of wealth and luxury and of taste and refinement as well; and near by, as a relic of pioneer days, still stands the primitive log house of the family, which at the time they settled here was one of the best log houses of the county, and which served as their home for a number of years. Mr. Cady has substantial barns and other farm buildings, and everything about his premises is kept up in the best of order. In connection with his farming operations, he has given considerable attention to stock-raising, making a specialty of Durham cattle and Poland-China hogs.

Mr. Cady was married in Columbia county, Wisconsin, July 20, 1851, to Ellen C. Waterhouse, a popular teacher and a lady of rare accomplishments. She was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, daughter of James and Anna (Wise) Waterhouse, both natives of Vermont. Her grandfather, William Waterhouse, was also a native of the Green Mountain State. Both her parents died in Wisconsin, her mother at the age of sixty-eight years, and her father at ninety-four. The latter was a mason by trade, but was for many years engaged in farming. In politics he was a Republican and in religion a Baptist and an active worker in the church. Mrs. Cady is the youngest of three children, the others being Anna and Milo J. Milo J. was a soldier in the Third Wisconsin Infantry, and died at the age of thirty-three years, from the effect of wounds received in the battle of Antietam. He left a widow and two children. Mr. and Mrs. Cady have had four children, as follows: Francis M., deceased at the age of four years; Alta, who married Arthur W. Silsbee, was in 1889 left a widow with one child, Nanon E.; Louisa A. Durkee, who has a family of three children,—Harold, Victor and Avis Ward; and Bertram L. All have had excellent educational advantages, and, like their parents, have followed the profession of teaching. Mrs. Silsbee taught in the Blue Earth City schools four years, and Mrs. Durkee is now teaching, being well known as a popular and successful educator. Bertram L. has also been a popular teacher.

In his political views, Mr. Cady is in harmony with the principles of the Republican party, and has for many years been active in its support. He has served in all the township offices, was County Auditor for two terms, from 1865, and has also served as Superintendent and Examiner of Schools for the township. For more than thirty consecutive years Mr. Cady has been a correspondent for the Department of Agriculture. In every position to which he has been called Mr. Cady has served with the strictest fidelity, reflecting credit

both upon himself and those whom he served. Faribault county has few, if any, men who are more worthy of the confidence and esteem of their fellow citizens than Franklin W. Cady.

BYRON EATON ST. JOHN, proprietor of a foundry and machine-shop at Fairmont, was born near the city of Rock Island, Illinois, July 27, 1845, and is the second in a family of four children whose parents were E. M. and Matilda (Addison) St. John, the former a native of New York and the latter of New Hampshire. In an early day they left their home in the East and traveling toward the setting sun at length reached Rock Island county, Illinois, where they took up their abode and spent a number of years. Both have now passed away. The father was a farmer by occupation and was of English descent.

Until eleven years of age Mr. St. John was reared in Pecatonica, Illinois, and then accompanied the family on their removal to Wisconsin, where he made his home until his removal to Minnesota. In the year 1871 he became a resident of Martin county, and has since been identified with the interests of this locality. He acquired his education in the common schools and fitted himself for the profession of teaching, which he successfully followed for twenty terms, in Martin county and in Wisconsin. He was a teacher of recognized ability, and his capable management and able instruction always made his school one of the best in the community where it was located. He has the faculty of easily and readily imparting his knowledge to others, could maintain discipline and always commanded the respect of his pupils. In his youth he also learned the trade of carpentering, and possesses considerable mechanical genius.

In the year 1868 Mr. St. John was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Magdalene Houghtaling, a sister of Elmore Houghtaling. Their union has been blessed with eight children, as follows: Victor, Harry, Byron E., Nina, Roscoe, Oscar, Clason and Hazel. The family circle yet remains unbroken, the children being still with their parents, and around the happy fireside gathers an interesting family.

Mr. St. John has led a busy and useful life, characterized by industry and perseverance, and these qualities have brought him a well deserved success. He is now superintendent of the Electric Light and Water Works of Fairmont, also proprietor of a foundry and machine-shop, in connection with his son Victor. As his financial resources have increased he has made judicious investments of his capital in his business and otherwise, and therefrom derives a good income. In connection with his other property he owns 160 acres of land in Frazer township, the same constituting a good farm, which he rents. Indolence is utterly foreign to his nature and idleness has no part in his composition, and it is not through inheritance or the combination of fortunute circumstances, but through capable management and enterprise that he has gained the prosperity which has crowned his efforts.

Mr. St. John exercises his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and has been honored with a number of local offices of trust. He lived for twenty years in Frazer township and one half of that time served as Town Clerk,—a fact which indicates fidelity to duty and also the confidence reposed in him. In his social relations he is

a United Workman, holding membership with Fairmont Lodge, A. O. U. W., in which he is now serving as Recorder for the third year, and also belongs to the I. O. O. F., Fairmont Lodge, No. 70. Public-spirited and progressive, he is actively interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and its upbuilding, and does all in his power for the best interests of the town and county in which he makes his home. His residence here covers a period of almost a quarter of a century, and his well spent life, honorable and upright in all things, has won him the high regard of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

JOHN EMORY CANRIGHT, a retired farmer now living in Fairmont, has led a busy life and as the result of his industry, perseverance and good business ability he has secured the competence which now enables him to lay aside all care, and rest in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

Mr. Canright was born in Ulster county, New York, on the 3d of February, 1833, and is a son of Solomon Canright, also a native of the Empire State. He was a tanner and currier by trade and for some time carried on business along that line. His wife was in her maidenhood Permelia Pecor. She was born in Vermont, near Lake Champlain, and remained there until twelve years of age, when she went to New York and was married there. Her people were of French descent, while the Canrights are of German lineage. To Mr. and Mrs. Canright were born ten children, all of whom grew to maturity and all of whom, with one exception, are yet living. In the year 1845 the father of our subject, accompanied by his family, removed to Wisconsin and located in the town of Brookfield, Waukesha county, on a place for which he paid $150 in addition to the usual price of $1.25 per acre. He came into possession of 160 acres, which he cultivated until the fall of 1856, at which time he sold out for $4,900. He then bought for $4,000 a farm in Pewaukee township, same county, upon which he made his home until called to his final rest, in the year 1860. His wife departed this life at the advanced age of eighty-five years.

John E. Canright was their fifth child and fourth son. He spent the first thirteen years of his life in the county of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their emigration to Wisconsin, where he attended school and aided in the arduous task of opening up a new farm. He gave his father the benefit of his service until eighteen years of age and then started out in life for himself, working as a farm hand for $12 per month. He was thus employed for two years, after which he removed to Bureau county, Illinois, where he remained until 1854, when he returned to Wisconsin and went to work for his father, with whom he continued until 1857.

On the 1st of May, 1855, Mr. Canright was joined in wedlock with Miss Delia H. Walbridge, a native of St. Lawrence county, New York, born May 26, 1837. Her father, Rev. Orlo J. Walbridge, was for many years a minister in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He married Maria A. Packard, who was born in New York, her parents being from Vermont. To Mr. and Mrs. Walbridge were born six children, four sons and two daughters. In the autumn of 1855 they became residents of Wisconsin, settling in Pewaukee, where they spent their remaining days. The father was called to

the home beyond at the age of sixty-two years and the mother departed this life at the age of seventy-seven. Earnest, Christian people, all who knew them held them in high regard and their loss was deeply mourned. Mrs. Canright is a cultured and refined lady, highly educated. She pursued her studies in a select school in New York and afterward engaged in teaching for two terms in the Empire State and one term in Wisconsin.

The year 1864 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Canright and his family in Minnesota. He settled in Goodhue county, where he rented a farm, but his labors in that direction were interrupted on the 5th of February, 1865, by his enlistment in the Union army, as a member of Company I, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery. In March the regiment reached Chattanooga, Tennessee, where it was stationed during the summer, doing guard duty, and on the 12th of September, 1865, our subject was mustered out, at Nashville. Immediately he returned to his family and home and in the same year he came to Martin county to seek a location, securing a claim, in Rutland township, to which he removed his family in 1866. Their first home was a log house covered with a dirt roof, but he at once began to improve the place and the fine farm of to-day bears little resemblance to the claim which he secured almost thirty years ago. The farm is 185 acres in extent and a beautiful grove and fine orchard add to the value and attractive appearance of the place. These were set out by him and his labors continued until 1893, when he sold his property to Mr. Rankin and removed to Fairmont, where he is now living retired.

To Mr. and Mrs. Canright have been born nine children: Dr. Orlo Solomon, of East Troy township, Walworth county, Wisconsin; Charles E., a practicing attorney of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Francis M.; Winnette, who died at the age of thirteen years; Lottie May, wife of George B. Swearingen, a farmer of Bowling Green township, Martin county; Alice P., who became the wife of S. W. Wheeler, and who is now deceased; Delia H.; Amy M. and Harry, all at home. The children, carefully reared, have all become respected men and women, who occupy positions of usefulness and responsibility in the various communities in which they reside.

For many years Mr. Canright was a supporter of the Republican party, but for the past fifteen years has been a supporter of the men and measures of the Prohibition party. His fellow-citizens, appreciating his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office. For four years he served as County Commissioner, has been Justice of the Peace, and a member of the Town Board of Supervisors, of which he acted as chairman. He has also been officially connected with the schools, and in these various positions he has ever been found true and faithful. No confidence reposed in him has ever been betrayed, and he has therefore won the esteem of all who know him. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in its work take a deep and abiding interest, while he is serving as Church Trustee.

W. D. SMITH, editor and proprietor of the Winnebago City Enterprise, Winnebago City, Minnesota, was born May 22, 1857, at Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, and

comes of good old New England ancestry. His parents, L. L. and Delia (Dwight) Smith, are natives of Massachusetts, the former of Scotch parentage and the latter a descendant of the Snows and Dwights of Mayflower fame.

When Mr. Smith was only two years of age his parents moved from Illinois to New Hartford, Iowa, where they have ever since resided. In the graded school of that town he commenced his education, and completed it, so far as books go, at the Iowa State Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa, being a member of the class of '79. When he was eighteen he commenced teaching, and by this means worked his way through college. He taught in all thirty-six terms, and for a number of years held a high place among the leading educators of Iowa and Minnesota. He was principal one year each at Aplington and Butler Center, Iowa, Heron Lake and Edgerton, Minnesota, and four years each at Jackson and Adrian, Minnesota. In 1881 and 1882 he was an institute instructor. Mr. Smith is also a practical surveyor, and while thus engaged in educational work he spent his summer vacations, for several years, in surveying, and for four years was County Surveyor of Nobles county, Minnesota.

In 1889 Mr. Smith commenced the publication of the Lamberton Leader, a weekly sheet, which he continued successfully for three years, after which he closed out his business there and came to Winnebago City. Here in May, 1893, he established the Winnebago City Enterprise, which he has since ably conducted and which is now in a flourishing condition.

Politically he is a stanch, loyal Republican. He has been delegate to many State conventions both in Iowa and Minnesota, and is an earnest and energetic worker in the ranks of his party.

Mr. Smith is a man of family. He was married at Jackson, Minnesota, March 16, 1884, to Miss Marion A. Matteson, a popular and successful teacher of that county, and they have two children, a son and daughter.

EDWARD EBERLEIN.—One of the thrifty German farmers of Prescott township, Faribault county, is found in the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Eberlein was born near Hesse, Germany, October 27, 1839, son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Frobel) Eberlein, both natives of Germany and the father for some time a soldier in the German army. In 1853 the Eberlein family sailed from Bremen to New York, being nine weeks on the sea, and from New York came west to Columbia county, Wisconsin, settling on a farm near Portage. There the parents lived until 1864, when they came to Faribault county, Minnesota. They are now residents of Prescott township, and both have passed their eightieth milestone. In their family were seven sons and four daughters. Three of the sons, Ferdinand, George and Edward, served in the late war, the last two dying of disease while in the service. Ferdinand was a member of Company C, Fifth Minnesota Infantry, and his death occurred near Vicksburg. George was in Company F, Twenty-ninth Wisconsin Infantry. He died in Texas. Edward enlisted in 1862, and as a member of the Mounted Rangers was sent in pursuit of the hostile Indians, going as far west as Camp Atchison, Dakota. In 1863 he was with General Sibley's expedition against the Sioux. He was honorably discharged Novem-

ber 28, 1863, and January 24, 1865, he again entered the service, this time becoming a member of Company F, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, and being stationed near Chattanooga, Tennessee, until the close of the war. September 22, 1865, he was discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, coming out with the rank of Orderly Sergeant.

The subject of our sketch was reared to farm life, and received a fair education. The year before the war broke out he came to Minnesota and began working by the month for L. W. Brown, in Faribault county. In 1866 he homesteaded 160 acres of the land on which he now lives, and to his original claim he has since added until now his farm comprises 320 acres, all choice land, well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has a good house and barn, the latter being 40 x 64 feet in dimensions; windmill for pumping water and grinding feed for stock; and ten acres in grove.

Mr. Eberlein was married in June, 1866, to Augusta Bohlke, a native of Germany and a daughter of Michael and Eve (Morquardt) Bohlke, the family having emigrated to America when Mrs. Eberlein was eighteen years of age. Her father is now deceased, and her mother is a resident of Faribault county. Mr. and Mrs. Eberlein have six children, namely: Emma (wife of C. Wegener), Laura P., Walter F., Adolph H., Lena A., and Edward A. Emma and Laura are well known as popular and successful teachers.

Mr. Eberlein's political views are in harmony with the principles of the Republican party, and is a member of Sully Post, No. 10, G. A. R. He has served his fellow-citizens as Supervisor for several years, and also as Treasurer. As a member of the School Board of district No. 36, in which he resides, he has served as Clerk, Director and Treasurer. Reared by Lutheran parents, he still adheres to that faith.

HENRY RIPPE, a well-known grain dealer of Fairmont, Minnesota, dates his birth in Dubuque, Iowa, September 23, 1853.

His father, Henry Rippe, was born in Germany, in 1821, and died in La Crosse, Wisconsin, in 1890. The widowed mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Snelle, and who was likewise a native of Germany, is now seventy years of age and is a resident of Hokah, Minnesota. They had a family of eleven children, six of whom are living, namely: Henry, Mary Hartman, Hannah Lang, E. A., Otto, and Charles.

The year following his birth the subject of our sketch was taken by his parents from Iowa to Brownsville, Minnesota. At the age of sixteen he left home and secured employment in an elevator at Winona, Minnesota, where he remained two years. Then he was in the same business at Brownsville one year and at Dodge Center two years. After this he was successively at Brownsville one year, New Albin, Iowa, one year, and Lansing, Iowa, two years, in the employ of Alexander McMichael, grain dealer. In the fall of 1876 he went to work for W. W. Cargill & Company, and continued with this company for a few years, located at different points in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. Then he spent a year and a half in the employ of A. & T. McMichael, at Dubuque, Iowa, in 1880 resumed work for W. W. Cargill & Company at La Crosse, Wisconsin, superintending their cleaning elevator for one year, then representing them at Delavan and Grand

Meadow, Minnesota, and still later acting as their traveling agent, serving in this last named capacity three years. At the end of that time he engaged in business for himself at Grand Meadow. That was in the fall of 1885. After carrying on business on his own account for three years, he again entered the employ of Cargill & Company, and traveled for them the next three years. In 1891 he established himself in business at Fairmont, under the firm name of Rippe Brothers, which association continued until May 1, 1894, since which time he has been alone. He deals exclusively in grain and seeds, and is doing an extensive business. At this writing he has representatives at ten points on the South Minnesota Railroad, namely: Grand Meadow, Easton, Winnebago City, Huntley, Fairmont and Welcome, Minnesota; and Wentworth, Howard, Roswell and Woonsocket, South Dakota. And at Grand Meadow he also has a cleaning elevator.

Mr. Rippe was married in 1881 to Kate Walter, a native of Minnesota, and a daughter of Jacob Walter, an early settler of Brownsville. They have four children: Robert, Lucinda, Larena and Katie. Mrs. Rippe is a member of the Episcopal Church.

In his political views Mr. Rippe is independent. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order at Grand Meadow, Minnesota.

SAMUEL BACON, a retired merchant of Winnebago City, Minnesota, was born in Livingston county, New York, in 1832, son of George W. and Jemima (Sparks) Bacon, both of whom were natives of the Green Mountain State. Mr. Bacon was reared to farm life and received a fair education in the public schools of his native State.

In 1849 George W. Bacon and his family came West and settled at Princeton, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming, remaining there until 1863, when the family removed to Minnesota, locating on a farm in Nashville township, Martin county, where the parents resided until their death. They had a family of two sons and five daughters who grew to maturity, and six of the number are living at this writing (1894).

Samuel Bacon followed farming a number of years, and made the business a success. He is still the owner of 300 acres of good land in Martin county. About 1877 he gave up farming and engaged in merchandising in Nashville, and continued in business at that place until August, 1891, when he sold out. He then came to Winnebago City and opened a general store, which he conducted with success until March, 1894, when he sold out and retired from active business pursuits, and now lives at ease in his pleasant home on Holly street.

Since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, he has been an uncompromising supporter of the Republican party, but has never been an aspirant for political honors. For several years he served as Postmaster at Nashville, receiving his first appointment from President Grant.

April 10, 1855, at Ripon, Wisconsin, he married Miss Frances E., daughter of William and Rebecca (Parsons) Clark, both of whom were natives of the town of Sterling, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon have no children of their own, but have raised a number of orphan children.

In religious faith they are Free Baptists.

Stephen Santee.

Susan Lantz.

STEPHEN SANTEE is the owner of one of the finest farms of Martin county, located on section 30, Fairmont township, and is numbered among the most influential agriculturists of the community. The record of his life will doubtless prove of interest to many of the readers of this volume, and we take pleasure in giving it a place on these pages.

The family from which he sprung is of German and French origin. His paternal grandfather, Philemon Santee, was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and there followed the occupation of farming. His son, Simon, the father of our subject, was also born in the Keystone State, and carried on agricultural pursuits throughout the greater part of his life. Having arrived at years of maturity he was joined in wedlock with Mary Hoffecker, a native of Pennsylvania, as was her father, Jacob Hoffecker, who came of a family of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Santee spent their entire lives upon a farm in the Keystone State, where the father's death occurred, at the age of seventy-one, while the mother passed away at the age of seventy-four. In their family were six children, four sons and two daughters, who reached mature age.

Stephen Santee is the third son and fifth child. He was reared upon his father's farm, and the days of his boyhood and youth were quietly passed, unmarked by event of special importance. When he had become a man he chose a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Miss Susan Uplinger, their wedding being celebrated on Christmas day of 1863. The lady was born in Pennsylvania, September 25, 1846, and is a daughter of John Uplinger, a farmer whose birth occurred in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, Henry Uplinger, was born in Berks county, and was of German lineage. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Wood, and was a native of that State, came of a family of German and English descent, and her father was a native of Philadelphia. Mrs. Santee was the third in order of birth in a family of thirteen children and was reared in the place of her nativity.

Mr. Santee was a young man of twenty-two years at the time of his marriage, for his birth occurred in Luzerne county, April 30, 1841, and now with the responsibilities of a household resting upon him he began life in earnest. He continued his residence in the East until 1867, when he decided to try his fortune in the Mississippi valley, locating in De Kalb county, Illinois, upon a farm of 120 acres which he purchased. To its cultivation he devoted his time and energies, successfully carrying on the business until 1886, when he resumed his westward journey. Coming to Martin county, Minnesota, he purchased the farm upon which he now resides and moved into a little log cabin built by a previous occupant. He has since greatly improved the place by the erection of good buildings, including a pleasant home and substantial barns and other necessary outbuildings. His farm comprises 435 acres of valuable land, of which 300 acres is under a high state of cultivation, while the remainder is timber and pasture land. The owner devotes his time and attention to general farming and stock-raising, and his honorable dealings and good management have made him very prosperous. The home is beautifully located on the west shore of Lake Amber, and with the fertile fields which surround it it is numbered among the best and most valuable farms of Martin county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Santee have been born nine children, namely: Ario B., who formerly engaged in teaching in Fairmont; Amelia, wife of Kirtland Brown, of Fairmont, where they both engage in teaching; Simon and Ida (also a teacher), at home; Mary, who formerly taught school in Fairmont and is now the wife of Arza Fancher; Clara and Eva, who are teachers of recognized ability in Martin county; and John H. and Franklin, who are attending school. The children were all provided with good educational privileges, which they improved and several of them became successful teachers. The family is one of prominence in the community, the household is the abode of hospitality and its members rank high in the social circles in which they move.

On questions of national importance Mr. Santee supports the Republican party, but at local elections, where no political issue is involved and the fitness of the candidate is the only question to be regarded, he votes independently. He has been honored with a number of offices, having served for five years as a member of the town board of Supervisors, as School Treasurer and as Pathmaster, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity that won him the commendation of all concerned.

HON. JACOB ALEXANDER LATIMER, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Faribault county, Minnesota, may rightly be classed with the self-made men of his county. We take pleasure in presenting the following sketch of his life to the readers of this work.

Jacob Alexander Latimer was born in Madison county, Tennessee, April 20, 1827, son of Jonathan and Nancy (West) Latimer, the former a native of Tennessee and a son of Connecticut parents, and the later born in North Carolina. When he was three years of age his parents removed from Tennessee to Sangamon county, Illinois, and three years later to Knox county, same State, where the father and mother passed the residue of their lives and died. Jonathan Latimer was among the pioneer farmers of Illinois, and he was also for some years engaged in mercantile business. And while he was occupied in the store, his eldest son, Jacob A., took charge of the farm, having the entire management of it when he was fifteen, and continuing in charge until his marriage, which event occurred in 1850.

After his marriage Mr. Latimer farmed for a few years, and then turned his attention to the lumber and livery business at Abingdon, Illinois, in which he was engaged for some time. In April, 1857, he came to Minnesota and bought 160 acres on section 11, Winnebago City township, Faribault county, where he now lives. Soon afterward he pre-empted an adjoining 160 acres in the same section, and later bought more land adjoining him until he at one time owned a whole section. He has since divided with his children, and at this writing his farm comprises 230 acres of choice land, all well improved. At the time he located here Mr. Latimer had but little means and for some years he and his family lived in true pioneer style, meeting with many difficulties and enduring not a few privations. His first house, a log cabin, built on the site of his present residence, was roofed with bark and clapboards, while the ground served for the floor and hay for a carpet.

In early life Mr. Latimer was an Abolitionist, and when the Republican party

sprang into existence he allied himself with it and assisted in its local organization. He was a member of the first Republican State Convention in Illinois. He has always been a prohibitionist in principle, and of recent years has been identified with the Prohibition party. At one time he was prominently connected with the Farmers' Alliance. In 1858 he was elected to the State Legislature by the Republican party, and in 1860 was re-elected, but served one term only; and in 1862 was elected to the Senate, in which honorable body he served one term. Previous to that he filled various local offices. Mr. Latimer is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Amboy, and for many years has been an Elder in the Church.

He was married February 21, 1850, to Miss Julia Ann Meek, a native of Knox county, Illinois, and a daughter of Daniel and Nancy (Killim) Meek, the former of German and the latter of Swiss descent. Their happy union has resulted in the birth of seven children, six of whom are living, namely: Daniel A., a farmer of Winnebago City township; Nancy, wife of Phenias F. Bornt, a farmer of same township; Mary E., wife of William Sanders, also a farmer of this township; John, of Minneapolis; Frank, who has charge of the home farm; and Edith, wife of Harry Stoner, of Amboy.

WILLIAM ORLANDO BASSETT, a retired farmer now living in Fairmont, is numbered among the honored early settlers of Martin county, his residence here covering a period of nearly a third of a century. He has therefore witnessed the greater part of its development and progress, and has aided in its upbuilding and advancement. The best interests of the community have ever found in him a friend, and to such men the county owes its present prosperity.

Mr. Bassett is descended from an old New York family. His grandfather, Isaac Bassett, lived for many years in Cortland, New York, and the father of our subject, William Bassett, claimed Connecticut as the State of his nativity. He was drafted for service in the war of 1812, but it was difficult for him to go and he sent a substitute. He married Samantha Powers, a native of Dutchess county, New York, and a daughter of Peter Powers, a local Methodist preacher. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bassett was celebrated in the State of their birth, and there the father died November 5, 1816, at the age of twenty-eight years, his birth having occurred January 17, 1787. His wife was born September 2, 1789. After her husband's death she lived with her family in Tompkins county, New York, rearing her children as best she might, although her financial resources were somewhat limited. Her last days were passed in Middleville, Michigan, at the home of her son, Charles Wesley, and she was called to her final rest when more than sixty years of age. In the family were four children,—George, Charles and Nelson, all now deceased, and William O., whose name heads this record.

The last named was born October 18, 1815, in Tompkins county, New York, and when he was little more than a year old his father died. He then went to live with his grandfather, Peter Powers, with whom he remained during the greater part of his boyhood and youth. The common schools of the neighborhood afforded him his educational privileges, and he made his first independent effort in life at farm work, being

employed as a farm hand for several years. His industry and perseverance, which have been important factors in his life's success, were early manifested, and he worked long and earnestly to get a start in life.

On the 1st of January, 1839, Mr. Bassett was united in marriage with Miss Katie Marie De Coudress, a native of Dryden, Cortland county, New York, and a daughter of Christian and Katie (Powers) De Coudress, the former a native of France and the latter of Dutchess county, New York. Their marriage was celebrated in the Empire State and they located in Dutchess county, removing thence to Dryden. On leaving the East they became residents of Wisconsin, the date of their emigration being 1851. They settled in Port Washington, where both died of cholera. In their family were nine children, including Mrs. Bassett, who was born March 31, 1818. To our subject and his wife have been born four children, as follows: Ashley M., born July 1, 1840, wedded Mary Garner and they have five living children: William J., who married Katie Personius; Nellie, wife of George Champine, by whom she has two children, Mabel and Sybil; Ila Maud, wife of Chester Personius; Daisy Dean, wife of Leaver Champine, by whom she has two children, Ashley and Madeline; and Solomon C., who married May Palmer. Jerome, the second of the family, is now deceased. Mary Iantha, born March 31, 1844, is the wife of Walter Person, and their children, four in number, are: Katie, wife of William Beach and the mother of five children,—May, Carrie, Earl, Burns and Linn; Annie, wife of Frank Rooney, by whom she has two children, Frank and Tressa; Burns and Jesse, both at home. Jerome, born January 23, 1847, married Sophia Nichols and afterward wedded I. N. Drake; his five children are: Annie, wife of George Clark and the mother of four children,—Georgiana, Harry, Archie and Rosie; George; Frederick; and Ada P., who married James Lampord, and has a daughter, Miriam Alice. Jessie completes the Bassett family.

Upon his marriage Mr. Bassett, whose name heads this article, located in New York, removing after a few years to Port Washington, Wisconsin, where he made his home until 1863, which year witnessed his arrival in Martin county. He settled in Tenhassen township and began the development of a farm, living in true pioneer style. The few settlers of the locality were widely scattered and the people were quite fearful of the Indians about the time of his arrival. He broke his land and transformed the raw prairie into rich and fertile fields, also added many improvements to the place in the way of good buildings and the other accessories of a model farm. He lived on the farm for thirty-one years, successfully conducting and managing his business affairs, and then removed to Fairmont, where he has since lived a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest and the fruits of his former toil.

During the late war Mr. Bassett responded to his country's call for troops, thus manifesting his loyalty to the Union and the northern cause. He was assigned to Company F, Sixteenth Wisconsin Infantry, and at the battle of Shiloh was seriously wounded by a gunshot in the right forearm, which disabled him for further duty, and in consequence of his physical disability he was honorably discharged in Madison, Wisconsin. He is now a member of the Grand Army Post of Fairmont. When the Republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he joined its ranks and is still one

of its stalwart supporters. He has served as Supervisor of Tenhassen township, but has never aspired to public office, preferring to give his entire time to his business interests. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend, and he gave land on which to build a schoolhouse. The best interests of the community have ever received his earnest support and co-operation, and he is widely recognized as a wide-awake, progressive citizen.

EMORY CORDELO STOWE, president of the Ward & Cadwell Company, Fairmont, Minnesota, is one of the most prominent young business men of the city.

The Ward & Cadwell Company was formed into a stock company in 1884, the original officers being R. M. Ward, president; A. D. Cadwell, vice-president; and George Wohlheter, secretary and treasurer. The business of the firm is done through a board of three directors, the present board being composed of the following members: George Wohlheter, Mrs. R. M. Ward, J. D. Young (La Crosse, Wisconsin), and E. C. Stowe. They have a capital stock of $50,000 and do a business of about $25,000 annually, their business being exclusively retail.

Mr. Stowe, the efficient president of this enterprising company, dates his birth in Sycamore, Illinois, September 1, 1857. His father, W. H. Stowe, was a native of the Empire State and of English descent. His mother was also a native of New York. Her maiden name was Electa Ward and she was a daughter of Luke Ward. In 1849 W. H. Stowe and his wife moved to Sycamore, Illinois, where they lived for twenty-five years, from there removing to Minnesota and locating in Fairmont, where they now live, retired. They have six children living, namely: Harriet Holcomb, Lottie M. Taylor, Cyrus, Emory C., Fred A. and E. L. The mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Emory C. Stowe was educated in the public schools of his native town and at Fairmont. After leaving school he accepted a position as clerk in a general merchandise store in Fairmont, and later entered the employ of the Ward & Cadwell Company, at first as clerk, and for ten years has been connected with this firm. Since 1892 he has been president of the company.

Mr. Stowe was married in 1878 to Miss Cora A. Snow, a native of Jefferson county, Wisconsin, born February 11, 1859, daughter of E. S. Snow. They have two children, Maurice E., born September 8, 1879, and Lloyd H., born January 15, 1886.

Mrs. Stowe's father, E. S. Snow, was born in Canandaigua, New York, December 12, 1822. He was an educated man and for some years followed the profession of teaching. In 1853 he came West to Jefferson county, Wisconsin, and settled on a farm. That same year he was married, in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, to Elizabeth Delight Peck, who was born in Jefferson county, New York, September 2, 1836, daughter of Daniel H. and Marilla (Tousley) Peck. Mr. Peck was born in 1800, and in 1840 he moved from New York to Wisconsin and settled on a farm in Jefferson county, where he and his wife passed the rest of their lives and died. In 1861 E. S. Snow enlisted in the Twelfth Wisconsin Volunteers, and was on active duty, with the rank of Sergeant, until January, 1863, when he was discharged on account of disability. He was a member of the G. A. R. Post at He-

bron, Wisconsin. He died July 6, 1876, leaving a widow and four children, namely: Albert L., Marilla Bullard, Cora A. Stowe and Ethleen D. Mrs. Stowe came to Fairmont with her parents in 1868, where she completed her education, and taught school three terms in Martin county. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is president of the Sewing Society of the church, and is one of the teachers in the Sunday-school.

Mr. Stowe is identified with the I. O. O. F., and has passed all the chairs in both the subordinate lodge and the encampment. Politically, he is a Republican, and is a member of the village Council.

WALTER DOLLEN, a prominent farmer of section 3, Silver Lake township, was born near Des Plaines, Cook county, Illinois, August 23, 1854, a son of John Dollen, a native of England. He came to America when a young man, locating in New York, and was there married to Emma Strong, a native also of England. Two years after his marriage Mr. Dollen located in Northfield township, Cook county, Illinois, but afterward removed to Main township, where he died July 2, 1894. Mrs. Dollen still resides on the old homestead there. They were the parents of ten children, all still living.

Walter Dollen, the second child and second son, was reared to farm life in Main township, Cook county. At the age of twenty-one years he went to Will county, Illinois, where he followed agricultural pursuits about three years, returned to Cook county, and in the spring of 1884 came to Martin county, Minnesota. After spending four years in Fairmont township Mr. Dollen located on the farm he now owns, which consists of a quarter section of land.

In political matters, he supports the measures of the Republican party. He has served as Assessor of both Fairmont and Silver Lake townships, and has held the position of School Treasurer since his residence in this county. Socially Mr. Dollen is a member of the A. O. U. W., No. 152, of Fairmont.

March 18, 1885, in Martin county, our subject was united in marriage with Magdalena Wohlheter, born in Germany, August 12, 1865, a daughter of Phillip and Christian (Atzel) Wohlheter, natives also of that country. They came to America in 1869, spending eight years in Freeborn county, Minnesota, four years in Fayette county, Iowa, and then came to Martin county. Mrs. Dollen and George were the only children by Mr. Wohlheter's second marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Dollen have three children,—Lillie M., Emma C. and Julia E.

WILLIAM VIEBAHN, Blue Earth City, Minnesota, is one of the prosperous farmers and leading citizens of Prescott township, Faribault county. He is what may be called a thoroughly Americanized German.

Mr. Viebahn was born near Cologne, Prussia, September 8, 1830, son of Peter and Wilhelmina (Deitenbach) Viebahn, both natives of Prussia, the former a son of Adolph Viebahn and of Holland descent. By trade, Peter Viebahn was a cooper and carpenter, and for three years was a soldier in the Prussian army. He and his wife emigrated with their family to America, and in Faribault county, Minnesota, both passed

the closing years of their life and died, he being sixty-five years of age at the time of death, and she seventy. In their family were three sons, one of whom, C. F. Viebahn, is one of the leading educators of Wisconsin, at this writing being principal of the schools at Watertown.

In his native land the subject of our sketch was reared and educated, and for three years worked at the baker's trade. In 1850 he sailed from Bremen to New York, at which port he landed after a voyage of nine weeks. From New York he came west to Sauk county, Wisconsin, and there for two years worked at the carpenter's trade and went to school. In 1853 he went to Juneau county, same State, and near Mauston was employed as a farm hand until 1863, when he came to Faribault county, Minnesota. In Prescott township he took claim to 160 acres of land, and settled down to the work of improving a farm. As the years passed by prosperity attended his efforts, and he now has a fine farm, well improved with comfortable residence, good barns and other buildings and a windmill, and everything about his premises is kept up in first-class order. Besides this farm he owns 280 acres located in Martin county, this State.

Mr. Viebahn has a wife and six children. The children have had good educational advantages, and his son Ed. is now serving as Township Clerk. The other members of his family are Mrs. J. Shutelworth, Charles, Frank, Frederic and Minnie. Frank and Fred are now in California, and Frederick is attending commercial college.

When he first came to America, Mr. Viebahn was in sympathy with the Free Soil party. In 1856 he voted for John C. Fremont, and in 1872 for Horace Greeley. He is now a Populist. He has served his fellow-citizens as Township Clerk for a number of years, and for ten years as Assessor. Few men in Prescott township are better known or more highly respected than is William Viebahn.

WILLIAM MICHAEL HOFFMAN, Postmaster and proprietor of a general store at East Chain Lakes, was born in Frankfort, Germany, December 29, 1835, a son of John and Mary Hoffman, natives also of that country. The father was a distiller by trade, and his death occurred in his native place. The mother died in Kansas, at the age of about ninety years. She was twice married, and by the first union there were four children, namely: Conrad, of Buffalo, New York; Mary, wife of Casper Wagner, also of that city; John, of Kansas; and William M., the subject of this sketch. By her second marriage she had one daughter, Kate, wife of John Rosa, of Fairmont township, Martin county.

William M. Hoffman, the youngest child by his mother's first marriage, remained in his native place until seventeen years of age, when he came with his mother to America, landing in New York city. They went thence to Buffalo, New York, and William left his mother four years afterward and located in Rock county, Wisconsin, where he farmed on rented land. He next removed to Dane county, Wisconsin, purchased a farm and followed agricultural pursuits there until 1866, and since that time has been a resident of Martin county. Mr. Hoffman purchased 160 acres of land in Pleasant Prairie township, five acres of which was improved and contained a small frame house. Six months after-

ward he bought 160 acres in Fairmont township, which he improved and remained there about four years. Mr. Hoffman now owns 440 acres of fine farming land in East Chain Lakes township, where he is proprietor of a general store. He was also appointed Postmaster under Cleveland's administration and still holds that position.

In 1854 our subject was united in marriage with Kate Murry, a native of Ireland. For his second wife he married, August 13, 1882, Josa Lilly, a native of Stephenson county, Illinois, but reared in Ogle county, that State. His parents, J. P. and H. M. (Dawson) Lilly, were natives respectively of Pennsylvania and New York. Mrs. Hoffman was the fourth of their ten children. Our subject and wife have two daughters—Lillia M. and Ida E. Mr. Hoffman affiliates with the Democratic party, and has served as Treasurer of the School Board.

AUGUSTUS AGNEW TAYLOR, of Fairmont, is a son of Asahel and Hannah (Roberts) Taylor, the former a native of Springfield, Massachusetts, and the latter of Bucks county, Pennsylvania. They were married in Tecumseh, Michigan, and afterward moved to Hastings, that State, where the father died. He was a wagonmaker by trade. The mother now resides in Hopedale, Massachusetts. They were the parents of four children, viz.: Theodore, who was a soldier in Company C, Fifty-seventh New York Volunteer Infantry, and was killed in the battle of the Wilderness; Augustus A., the subject of this sketch; Frank was a soldier in the Sixty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and now resides in Philadelphia, that State; and Mary, wife of Henry Steere, of Hopedale, Massachusetts.

Augustus A. Taylor was born in Tecumseh, Michigan, February 5, 1847. September 14, 1863, he enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company C, Eleventh Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, and was soon afterward appointed to the position of Corporal. He took part in the following battles: Pound Gap, Hazel Green, Mount Sterling, Lexington, Georgetown, Cynthiana, Point Burnside, McCormick's Farm, Laurel Mountain, in both battles of Bowen's Farm, Saltville, Sandy Mountain, Western, Hazel Green, McCormick's Farm, Morristown, Slate Creek, Mt. Sterling, Clinch River, Russellville, Morristown, Cobb's Ford, Bristol, Paperville, Abingdon, Wytheville, Mt. Airy, Marion, Seven Miles Ford, Saltville, Jonesboro, Clinch River, Morristown, McCormick's Farm, Mt. Sterling, Hazel Green, Flemingsburg, Boone, Yadkin River, Mt. Airy, Hillsville, Salem, Christiansburg, Jonesboro, Danburg, Slatesville, Salisbury, Morgantown, Swananoa Gap, Hendersonville, Asheville, Ward's Farm, Cæsar's Head, Pickensville and Anderson Court House. The regiment became so reduced in numbers by battles, sickness, deaths, etc., that they were consolidated with the Eighth Michigan Cavalry, and served as such until the close of the struggle. Mr. Taylor was discharged September 22, 1865, at Jackson, Michigan, as First Sergeant.

He immediately returned to his home, and soon afterward went to Sycamore, Illinois, where he found work in a hotel until 1873. He then located on a farm in the corporate limits of Fairmont, which was partially improved, and during the first two years there the grasshoppers destroyed his crops. Mr. Taylor was next employed by

F. W. Peirce.

R. M. Ward one year, spent one year in the lumber yard of Ward & Cadwell, worked in their store two years, and since 1878 has found employment in the store of Wollston & Lounsberry. In 1891, in company with Frank Johnson, Mr. Taylor laid out the Taylor & Johnson Addition to the village of Fairmont, located in section five, in the north part of the village, and comprises forty acres. In his political relations, our subject acts with the Republican party. He has served as Treasurer of Fairmont township twelve years, has been a member of the City Council, a member of the School Board eight years, and was Treasurer of the school district seven years. Socially, he is Past Commander of Phil. Kearny Post, No. 18, G. A. R., has passed through the chairs in the I. O. O. F., and is a member of the A. O. U. W.

In 1871 Mr. Taylor was united in marriage with Lottie M. Stowe, born in 1848, a daughter of W. H. and Electa (Ward) Stowe. To this union have been born five children, namely: Anna E., born November 25, 1871; Harriet May, September 26, 1873; Erma B., April 18, 1877; Laura A., July 16, 1886; and Harry S., September 27, 1888. Mrs. Taylor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HON. F. M. PEIRCE, a most prominent and influential citizen of southern Minnesota, now living in Winnebago City, dates his residence in Faribault county from May 17, 1856, at which time the county was in its infancy and gave little promise of the development and progress which was to place it among the leading counties in this great commonwealth. He was born in Putney, Windham county, Vermont, and comes of good old Revolutionary stock. The family is originally of English origin and was founded in America during the early Colonial days by ancestors who settled in Massachusetts. The paternal grandfather, Ezekiel Peirce, was for seven years in the Colonial army, bravely and valiantly aiding in the struggle to secure American independence. His son and namesake, the father of our subject, was also born in Putney, Vermont, and after he had reached years of maturity he wedded Miss Mary Burdett, a native of the same State. They became the parents of six children: Densmore, Ira, Martha, a son who died in infancy, F. M. and Walter. The mother of this family died when our subject was only six years of age, after which the father was again married, his second union being with Keziah Cudworth, by whom he had one son, Frank B., who served in the late war in Kilpatrick's cavalry and is now living in De Soto, Missouri. The father came to Minnesota in the fall of 1856, and subsequently removed to Ogle county, Illinois, where he died at the ripe old age of eighty-four years, respected by all who knew him. He was a farmer by occupation, and throughout his entire life followed that pursuit. In early life he supported the Whig party, but after the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks and ever after fought under its banner. He held membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The personal history of F. M. Peirce, to which we now turn the reader's attention, will prove of great interest to many of our readers, for he has a wide acquaintance throughout this community and has gained the esteem of all with whom he has been brought in contact. In early youth he at-

tended the common schools, but his education obtained in the common-school room forms but a small part of his knowledge, which has been greatly supplemented by reading, observation and experience, until he is now a well informed man. He first started out in business as an apprentice to a marble cutter and followed the trade which he learned until 1854, when he came to the West on a prospecting tour, looking over the country with the view of choosing a place of location. At Rock Island he crossed the Mississippi, which at that time was spanned by no bridge in this region, and continued his journey by stage to Cedar Rapids. After about four months he returned East, and in 1855, in company with his father and brother, again came to Iowa, and, as above stated, in May, 1856, he came to Minnesota, and took up a claim on the east bank of the Blue Earth river, where he built a log cabin, made a home and began the development of a farm. It was a tract of virgin soil, but he at once began its transformation and in course of time rich fields were yielding to him abundant harvests. After carrying on the farm for several years he removed to Winnebago City, where he opened a general merchandise establishment, and during the succeeding twelve years was identified with the commercial interests of the place. On selling his store, he again went to the farm, comprising 260 acres of valuable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. It is improved with good buildings, including substantial barns and sheds and a tasteful and comfortable dwelling, which is located on a natural building site and is surrounded by a beautiful grove of forest trees. This is a very valuable place, and in addition to general farming the enterprising owner also successfully carries on stock-raising, making a specialty of the breeding of Red Polled cattle. He became an enthusiast on the question of artesian wells and bored the first on Blue Earth river, which supplies his home and barns for stock, and the public for water on the road.

Mr. Peirce was married in Mankato, Minnesota, May 14, 1866, to Miss Hattie Wetherell, who was born in Windham county, Connecticut, and is a daughter of Marshall and Roxy (Carder) Wetherell, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. The lady was reared and educated in the Nutmeg State and became a popular and successful school-teacher, her ability of imparting knowledge to others making her service very desirable. To Mr. and Mrs. Peirce have been born four children, as follows: C. M., who has a position of trust as bookkeeper with the North Dakota Milling Association of Grand Forks, North Dakota; Walcott, at home; Arthur F., a druggist of Chicago, Illinois; and Ella May, the only daughter, now in her fifteenth year. The sons have been provided with good educational privileges and thus fitted for the practical and responsible duties of life.

Mr. Peirce is a warm and true friend of the cause of education and does all in his power to promote its interests. In politics he was formerly a stalwart Republican and a leader of his party in his locality. He zealously works in its interests, for he believes its principles are calculated to benefit the greater number, and whenever his judgment sanctions anything as right neither fear nor favor can prevent him from upholding his ideas. He has been honored with several offices of trust, for his fellow townsmen recognize his worth and ability. He has filled all the township offices in a manner

creditable to himself and with satisfaction to the public, and in 1875 he was called upon to represent his district in the legislature of Minnesota. He and his most estimable wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, contribute liberally to its support and do all in their power for its upbuilding. They are charitable and benevolent people, and their good deeds, quietly and unostentatiously performed, have won them the gratitude and respect of many. Mr. Peirce is a man of broad and liberal views and progressive spirit, firm in his convictions and stanch in support of what he believes to be right. His fidelity and loyalty have thus won him universal confidence, and his genial and friendly manner has made him a popular and valued citizen. His public and private life alike are above reproach and the name of F. M. Peirce deserves an honored place on the pages of Faribault county's history.

WILLIAM ROBERT LIVINGSTON, a prominent and progressive agriculturist of Martin county, living on section 20, Silver Lake township, was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, September 6, 1834, descending from Scotch ancestry who came to America more than 200 years ago. The grandfather, Dr. Benjamin Livingston, was a native of New York; and the father of our subject, John J. Livingston, was born October 19, 1798, in Washington county of the Empire State. He married Maria Rice, a native of Pawlet, Rutland county, Vermont, whose father was one of the earliest settlers of the Green Mountain State and belonged to a family that had been founded in America in the early days of the Colonies and was of Scotch and English origin.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Livingston were married in Rutland county in 1828, and after a few years removed to Schoharie county, New York, thence to Clarion county, Pennsylvania, then known as Venango county. The mother died in that county, after which the father married Elizabeth J. Whitehill. By the first marriage were born four sons and three daughters, three of whom are yet living: Dr. James B., a practicing physician of Mercer county, Pennsylvania; Mary L., wife of Isaac Lacy, of Warren county, Pennsylvania; William R.; Hattie E., of Jamestown, New York. By the second union there was one son, Dr. Alford T., also of Jamestown. The father of this family was a well educated man of much more than average intelligence. He was a surveyor for many years and also a student of medicine, of Greek, Hebrew, Latin, German and English, all of which languages he taught. He was widely known as a man of prominence throughout northwestern Pennsylvania, and his last days were passed in Jamestown, New York, where he died, in August, 1890, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. His father passed away at the age of ninety-six. He was a stanch friend of Horace Greeley and was a correspondent for the New York Tribune. In 1850 he took the census of Clarion county, Pennsylvania, which at that time had a population of 45,000. He possessed a most amiable disposition, and during the forty years our subject lived with him he never saw his father angry. Mr. Livingston was a member of the Presbyterian Church in early life, and afterward joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was an earnest worker. He belonged to the Sons of Temperance, and was a stalwart friend of the temperance cause. When he was

eighty-four years of age he walked twenty-five miles, and could do as much work as a man in the prime of life.

Our subject was reared in the county of his nativity and attended the district schools until twelve years of age, but the greater part of his education has been acquired through his own exertions at home and through reading and observation in later years. At the age of fourteen, in 1849, he began learning the printer's trade in the office of the Clarion Register, a Whig paper, and in 1852 he went to Jamestown, New York, where he was employed on the Jamestown Journal, edited by Frank Palmer, afterward editor of the Iowa State Journal and the first proprietor of the Inter Ocean of Chicago. He remained in Jamestown working at the printer's and millwright's trades until the fall of 1856, when he came to Minnesota, working as a millwright in two of the largest gristmills in Rochester until the winter of 1857. He was then employed in the same capacity in Houston county, Minnesota, until March, 1858, when he came to Martin county and pre-empted a tract of timber land in Silver Lake township, a tract of 160 acres, constituting the farm which is now his home. He first lived in a block house, known as Fort Britt, until the fall of 1858, when he returned to Clarion county, Pennsylvania, which was his place of residence until 1861.

In that year Mr. Livingston entered the service of his country as a member of Company E, Pennsylvania Reserves, and was with his regiment for three years and one month, participating in many important engagements, including the battle before Richmond, South Mountain, Antietam, the second battle of Bull Run and Fredericksburg, where on the 2d of December he was wounded by a ball in the thigh. This kept him from active service for four months, but as soon as possible he rejoined his regiment, being again with his company in June, 1863. They started for Gettysburg, and at Crampton Pass he received a sunstroke, but continued on the march. In May, 1864, he started on the Wilderness campaign, and at Spottsylvania, on the 8th of May, was again prostrated by sunstroke; but continued at the front until June, when, on the 17th of that month, he was honorably discharged, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He was always found at his post of duty, and the Union cause found in him an able defender. He next hired out to the Governor of the Keystone State and was sent to Nashville, Tennessee, where he remained for a year, returning then to Pennsylvania.

Mr. Livingston was married July 11, 1865, to Brittania J. Smith. Her grandfather, Jonathan Smith, was born on the the seashore in Massachusetts, and was a sailor. Her maternal grandfather, Walter Seaman, was a native of the Mohawk valley of New York, descending from Mohawk Dutch ancestry. Mrs. Livingston is a daughter of J. P. and Susan (Seaman) Smith, the former born in Rhode Island, the latter in Warren county, Pennsylvania. Her birth also occurred in Warren county, and she is the eldest of their ten children. She was reared in the county of her nativity, and when fifteen years of age began teaching school, which profession she successfully followed for seven years.

In the fall of 1865 Mr. Livingston took his young wife to La Porte, Indiana, and the following year came to Martin county, locating on the farm where he has since made his home. His first residence was a log cabin, 14 x 14 feet, and eleven people

lived in it through one winter. In connection with the cultivation and improvement of his farm he has engaged in building mills, working on the Washburn mills and also aiding in the erection of the cavalry barracks at Fort Abe Lincoln, occupied by Custer's cavalry staff from the fall of 1871 to 1872. His farm comprises 270 acres of rich land, and all his possessions have been acquired through his own efforts. His life has been a busy and useful one, yet he has found time to devote to public duties and faithfully served as Supervisor, Treasurer and Assessor of his township. His political views are in harmony with the principles of the Republican party, and socially he is connected with Phil Kearny Post, No. 18, G. A. R.

To Mr. and Mrs. Livingston have been born eight children,—Roy R., who is a graduate of the business college of Mankato, Minnesota, and is now living in Fairmont; John J., who graduated from the State Normal School at Mankato, is a member of the United States Army; Guy C., who also graduated at the same institution, in the same class with John J., is now engaged in teaching; Louise G., a nurse in St. Peter's Hospital; James V., who graduated in Mankato and follows teaching; Robert W., who is a student in Fairmont; and Nora K., at home.

JOHN C. FENSKE, a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser, residing on section 29, Emerald township, Faribault county, Minnesota, is a native of Germany, and possesses to a marked degree that thrift and energy which are so characteristic of his countrymen.

Mr. Fenske was born in Prussia, February 21, 1829, son of Joseph and Teresia (Hintz) Fenske, natives of the same province in which he was born. Both parents died in Prussia,—the mother in 1835 and the father in 1847. Their family was composed of four sons and three daughters. In 1851 John and his eldest brother, Andrew, emigrated to America, making the voyage from Hamburg, *via* Liverpool, to New York, and being seven weeks on the ocean. From New York they traveled by rail to Albany, thence by boat to Albany and on across the lakes to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At Milwaukee they hired a team and drove to Princeton, and from there to Neshkoro, on the White river, where our subject was employed by Carl Farnum, at $12 per month. His brother had a family, and he took a homestead claim, upon which he settled and where he lived until 1863, when he removed to Green Lake county, same State, where he still resides. After remaining with his brother for a short time the subject of our sketch went to Oak Grove and secured employment on a farm, working for a man by the name of Fuller for one year, at a stipulated remuneration of $60, accepting for his pay two steers, valued at $40, and the remainder of the amount in clothing. He then hired to another man to do farm work at $12 per month. He afterward sold his steers for $45 in gold, and this amount, together with a year's wages, afforded him a start in life. Going to Stevens Point he bought forty acres of timber land for $50, and subsequently sold it for double that price. With his $100 he then bought eighty acres of timber land.

Mr. Fenske was married April 5, 1856, to Louise Kruger, a native of the same place where he was born, daughter of John G. and Willimena Augusta (Dotzauer) Kruger, the

date of her birth being 1835. Her father died in 1839, and her mother afterward became the wife of John Henning. By the first marriage there were two daughters,—Mrs. Fenske, and Rosa, wife of Adam Friday, of this county. By the second marriage there was one child, Carrie, wife of John Friday, of Wisconsin. In March, 1843, three years after her marriage to Mr. Henning, the mother died. Mr. Henning afterward married her sister, with whom Mrs. Fenske lived and with whom, in 1852, she came to America. They were fifty-six days in making the voyage from Hamburg to New York, landing in the latter city September 2d. From New York they came to Milwaukee, and soon afterward located in the town of Crystal Lake. There Mrs. Fenske worked in a country tavern, at fifty cents per week, until her marriage.

After their marriage Mr. Fenske and his wife settled down near Green Lake, where for nine months he worked for a farmer, receiving $17 per month wages and the use of a log house in which to live, Mrs. Fenske doing her part by boarding the farm hands. He next effected the purchase of a yoke of oxen, and cultivated the farm of Harrison Applebee,—this being in the year 1857. The next year he worked the farm of Daniel Stoples on shares. He then sold his eighty acres of land for $200, and bought forty acres within one mile of Manchester, Wisconsin, paying $350 for the same and taking up his residence thereon January 16, 1859. He there made his home until September, 1866, when he sold it for $950. At that time he bought two horses and a covered wagon and started for Faribault county, Minnesota, reaching his destination October 8th. Here he purchased 112 acres of land, on which was a log house, 9x11 feet, the purchase price being $1,150, and here he made his home for seven years. Then he sold out for $1,600 and purchased 160 acres of partially improved land, for $1,100. This farm he still owns and occupies. He has six acres in grove, has his land all fenced, and his farm buildings are among the best in the township. In addition to his home place he owns eighty acres in Rome township.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenske are the parents of eleven children, namely: Mary, wife of William Oelke; Louise, wife of Gustavus Schneider; Albert; Sarah, wife of Rudolph Gartze; William F.; Emma Amelia, who died in infancy; Lydia, wife of Fred G. Livenick; Lillie, wife of John F. Zupp; Eva May, wife of Paul Meyer, of Elmore; Joseph S.; Andrew M.; and Edward J.

Mr. Fenske has held the office of Supervisor for many years, and has served as Justice of the Peace and Constable. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Association, in which he has been a Trustee for twenty-one years and for many years served as Class-leader. He may be truly classed with the self-made men of the county. By his own honest industry and good management, assisted and encouraged by his worthy companion, he has accumulated a nice property and is surrounded with all the comforts of life.

O P. FOSS, a venerable citizen of Verona township, Faribault county, Minnesota, has been identified with this county since 1866. A sketch of his life will be found of interest to many, and is as follows:

Mr. Foss comes of an old and highly respected New England family. His grand-

father, Eben Foss, was born in Massachusetts, and was a soldier for seven years in the Revolutionary war, the most of that time serving under General Washington. His son John H., the father of O. P., fought in the war of 1812. John H. Foss married Edith Chase, who, like himself, was a native of New Hampshire, and they became the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters: James, O. P., Jacob, William, John, Wellington, Caroline, Louisa, Judith, Ann, Sarah (who died in infancy) and Sarah (2d). The mother died at the age of sixty years and the father lived to be eighty. He was by trade a blacksmith, was in politics a Jacksonian Democrat, and in religion was a believer in universal salvation.

O. P. Foss was born at Compton, New Hampshire, April 2, 1817, and was reared on a farm. In his father's shop he learned the trade of blacksmith, and in early life became a proficient mechanic. In 1849 he came West, through Chicago, and on to Watertown, Jefferson county, Wisconsin, Chicago at that time being a small town and with little promise of ever becoming the magnificent city it is to-day. He was one of the pioneers of Watertown, and there for ten years carried on the blacksmith and carriage business. At the end of that time he sold out and engaged in farming in Dane county, Wisconsin, where he remained until 1866. In 1866 he disposed of his Wisconsin property and came to Faribault county, Minnesota, at first settling near Winnebago City, and from that place coming, in 1877, to his present location. Here he bought 170 acres of land of a Mr. Williams, and on it has resided since and given his attention to agricultural pursuits. His farm has a comfortable cottage home, other good buildings, modern windmill, and three acres in grove.

At the age of twenty-two Mr. Foss was married to Miss Arvilla M. Bruce, a native of Vermont and a daughter of Dana and Marcia (Royce) Bruce. They became the parents of two sons, Almon E., a newspaper man of Winnebago City, and Herman A., who resides on the home farm. Mrs. Foss was a loving mother and devoted wife and in every respect a most estimable woman. She departed this life in 1891, at the age of seventy-three years, after having shared the joys and sorrows of life with Mr. Foss for over fifty years

Mr. Foss has been a supporter of the Republican party since it was organized. Years ago, when a young man in the East, he was a member of the militia and received a Captain's commission from Governor Hill of New Hampshire. During the whole of his life he has kept himself well informed on the topics of the day, is a man of generous impulses and genial manner, and has always made many friends wherever his lot has been cast.

TUFFIEL TIBADEAUX, Delavan, Minnesota, has been identified with the interests of Faribault county for thirty years, and it is appropriate that some personal mention be made of him in this work. A *résumé* of his life is as follows:

Tuffiel Tibadeaux was born in Canada, June 15, 1845, son of Oliver and Mary Louisa (Seor) Tibadeaux, both natives of Canada, the former of French descent. In 1850 the Tibadeaux family located in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where the mother died at the age of thirty-five years. The father came to Faribault county, Minnesota, in 1867, and here remained until his death,

in 1885, at the age of seventy-three years. He was a farmer by occupation, in politics was a Democrat, and in religion both he and his wife were Catholics. He was a soldier in the patriot war in Canada. Their family was composed of five children, mamely: Philemon, Tuffiel, Isadore, Rosa and Joseph.

The subject of our sketch spent the first sixteen years of his life on a farm. He then worked some time in the timber regions, making a full hand, and afterward was employed as packer for a surveying party, carrying a pack of 100 pounds on his back, and camping out in the snow. This was in 1862, and he went with the party to the ore mines, after which, in 1863, he resumed work in the woods. September 5, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, Second Wisconsin Cavalry, and was with his regiment until the close of the war, participating in a number of prominent engagements. While near Jackson, Mississippi, he had an attack of pneumonia, and upon his recovery he came, in September, 1865, to his home in the North. That same fall he made the trip with horses and a wagon to Minnesota. Upon his arrival in Faribault county he took a homestead claim on section 25, in Prescott township, and on it he built a house, 14 x 16 feet, of elm and boxwood lumber, and out of straw he improvised a stable for his horses. Here he went to work in earnest, and by honest industry and perseverance he has attained a success of which he may justly be proud. He is now the owner of three good farms, including a total of 650 acres of fine land, well improved with good buildings, etc. Since 1891 he has resided on his present farm of 160 acres, located a mile and a half south of Delavan. Here he has a nice two-story residence, good barn, windmill, grove, and everything conveniently arranged, and here he and his family are surrounded with all the comforts of life.

Mr. Tibadeaux was married September 5, 1865, to Miss Rosa D. Guyette, a native of Canada, and a daughter of Joseph and Madaline (La Valley) Guyette, of Canada. This happy union resulted in the birth of eleven children, ten of whom are living, viz.: Ellen, Solomon, Tuffiel, Louise, Rosa D., Joseph C., Lovina, Maggie E., Madaline M., Nora, and Michael. The mother of this family died May 15, 1881, and September 23, 1883, Mr. Tibadeaux married his present companion. Her maiden name was Edwige Better and she was born in Franklin county, New York. Her parents, Peter and Mary (Sampson) Better, died in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, each at the age of seventy-three years. Mr. Tibadeaux and his present wife have five children—Israel E., Eva Agnes, Anna Belle, Florence E., and Blanche Malissa

Politically, Mr. Tibadeaux is a Republican, and has served as Supervisor and a member of the School Board. He is a member of the G. A. R. His frank and genial nature together with his many sterling traits of character have won for him a large circle of friends.

EDWARD JONES, retired, Winnebago City, Minnesota, was a pioneer of Martin county. He is a native of England, born near Manchester, August 28, 1835, son of Charles and Jane (Fielding) Jones, both natives of England. About 1841 they emigrated with their family of five children to America, and

settled six miles west of Racine, Wisconsin, where the father gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. Six years later he removed to Oshkosh, or near there, where he resided until his death, his wife having died at Racine. They had six children born in this country, making eleven in all, seven of whom are still living.

Edward Jones grew to manhood on his father's farm, receiving only a limited education in the common schools. After attaining his majority he was for two years engaged in the lumber business. September 18, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Eleventh Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, for a term of three years or during the war. At the end of the three years he was detailed to guard rebel prisoners at New Orleans and go with them to Fort La Fayette, New York, which duty he faithfully performed. He was honorably discharged at Madison, Wisconsin, in January, 1865.

September 29, 1866, at Winchester, Wisconsin, he married Miss Ellen M. Johnson, a native of that place, and after his marriage at once came to Minnesota. Upon his arrival here he took a homestead claim on section 22, Nashville township, Martin county, and upon it built a log house and began married life in true pioneer style. He improved his farm and made his home upon it until the fall of 1894, when he retired and moved to Winnebago City, leaving the old homestead in charge of his son. As a farmer, Mr. Jones was very successful. To his original claim he added another 160 acres adjoining it, the whole making one of the finest farms in the vicinity. In the early days of his settlement in Martin county he endured many hardships and privations, but by industry, perseverance and careful economy he overcame every obstacle, and is today enjoying the fruits of his early years of toil.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have six children living, namely: Lena, wife of Frederick Lathrop, a farmer of Faribault county; Edith, wife of William Bottomly, a farmer of Nashville, Martin county; Clifford, on the home farm; Sanford and Manford, twins; and Ethel, at home. Their first born, Justin, died at the age of five years.

Mr. Jones is a Republican in politics, and has served in most of the township offices. He is a member of James Clabaugh Post, No. 54, G. A. R., at Winnebago City.

LEWIS FELCH TRUE, a leading and influential farmer located on section 5, Center Creek township, is numbered among Martin county's honored pioneers. He has lived within the borders of this county for more than a third of a century and has witnessed its development from the days of its early infancy. He has seen its wild lands transformed into beautiful homes and farms, its hamlets grow into thriving towns and villages, has seen the introduction of the telegraph and railroad, and the hillsides and plains dotted with churches and schools, indicating an advanced civilization. In the work of public improvement he has ever borne his part, and on the annals of Martin county's history his name should occupy an honored place.

Mr. True was born in Belknap county, New Hampshire, April 2, 1836, and is of English descent on the paternal side and of German lineage on the maternal side. His grandfather True was born in the old Granite State, as was the father of our subject, Simeon S. True, whose birth occurred April

16, 1802. He made farming his life occupation, and in the state of his nativity he married Lucy Sturtevant, who was born in New Hampshire, August 26, 1802. Her father was born in Germany, and became the founder of his family in America. Mr. and Mrs. True located on a farm near the homes of their childhood and there spent the remainder of their lives, the father passing away January 11, 1845, and the mother in 1889. Their family numbered ten children, nine of whom reached adult age, while six are yet living, as follows: John N. and David M. are still living in New Hampshire; George W. is deceased; Hosea S. resides in Martin county, Minnesota; Juliett is also deceased; Sarah J. is now Mrs. Carr of New Hampshire; Lewis F. is the next younger; Charles O. is located in Martin county; Gillman S. has also passed away, as has Wesley, the youngest of the family.

L. F. True was reared in the county of his birth and his early education, obtained in the district schools of the neighborhood, was supplemented by one term's attendance at the high school. When eighteen years of age he started out to make his own way in the world, going to Manchester, New Hampshire, where he learned the machinist's trade, working for two years and eight months, when, on account of failing health, he was obliged to leave the shop and seek an occupation less confining. While in that city, on the 4th of March, 1854, he married Miss Clara H. Gould, who was born in the State's prison in Concord, New Hampshire, her father being at that time Warden in the prison. When she was about twelve years of age her mother died, and she went to live with her uncle, Amos Pillsbury, a warden in the Albany penitentiary, and during the next three years she was in that penal institution, after which she returned to Concord.

After two years of married life in the East Mr. True brought his wife to Minnesota, going first to Mankato, but after a few days passed there he removed to Vernon Center, Blue Earth county, where he made a claim of 160 acres. After cultivating that for two years he sold out and came to Martin county among its first settlers. Securing a farm in Westford township he conducted it for a short time, but found that it was school land and then obtained a homestead claim, constituting the farm on which he now lives. He built a small dwelling, 12 x 16 feet, and during its construction he was drafted into the army. Going to Rochester he paid $300 to secure a release, but afterward, when his affairs would permit him, he joined Company H, Eleventh Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. This was in 1864, and he served until after the cessation of hostilities, when he was honorably discharged and returned to his home.

Mr. True has since devoted his time and attention to his farm and has become the owner of a valuable tract of 320 acres. On this is a fifteen-acre grove of his own planting, and its leafy banners are evidence of his progressive spirit. Many other good improvements have been made on the place, which add to its value and attractive appearance, and the home of this worthy pioneer is one of the best farms of his adopted county.

Around the fireside once gathered an interesting group of ten children, but several have now left the parental roof for homes of their own. The eldest, Lord Byron, is living in Center Creek township, Martin county; Gillman S. is deceased; Ida May is the wife of E. M. Bohall, of Washington;

Minnie L. is the wife of Paul Anthony, of Rutland township, Martin county; the next two children died in infancy; Edward L. is living in Center Creek township; Wesley S., Jessie B. and Julia are still with their parents.

Mr. True has long supported the Democracy and was one of the first County Commissioners of Martin County, serving in that capacity for about four years. He was Postmaster of Waverly post office, was for four years Assessor, two years Justice of the Peace, also served as Constable and was Clerk of the School Board for the long period of twenty-one years. His public and private life are alike above reproach and his prompt and faithful discharge of his official duties won him high commendation. In his social relations he is a Mason, belonging to Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., and the Chapter of Fairmont, and is also a member of Phil Kearny Post, G. A. R., of Fairmont.

JOHN HENRY SMITH, an honored pioneer settler and an enterprising and progressive farmer of Nashville township, Martin county, residing on section 3, was born in Steuben county, New York, on the 2d of December, 1836. His father, R. B. Smith, was also born in the Empire State and came of Holland Dutch ancestors who settled in America at an early day in the history of the country. He married Elizabeth Swartout, who was born in this country, but her father was a native of Scotland and her mother belonged to a Holland Dutch family. The parents were married in New York and there located on a farm which they made their home until 1838, when they emigrated westward. After residing in Michigan for a time they removed to Illinois, and in the year 1849 came to Wisconsin, which only the previous year had been admitted to the Union. They located in Marquette county, making their home within its borders until 1860, which year witnessed their removal to Brown county, Minnesota. Their next place of abode was Rochester, Minnesota, and subsequently went to Amboy, this State, where they still reside. In the family were four children, three sons and a daughter, all of whom are living and married, no death ever having occurred in the family. The eldest is J. H., of this sketch; Alvira is the wife of E. G. Cross, and they have three children who are married and have families. Loren wedded Ella Bornt and has one child; and Loami married Clara Rouse, by whom he has two children.

Under the parental roof, J. H. Smith remained until eighteen years of age, when his father gave him his time and he started out in life for himself. From early youth he aided in the labors of the field, and was familiar with all the duties of farm life, and during the greater part of his business career he has carried on agricultural pursuits. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Michigan, Illinois and the Badger State, and in Wisconsin was married, December 27, 1857, to Miss Candis Amelia Clark, a native of New York. Two children came to grace their home and brighten their pioneer abode. The elder, Frances, is now the wife of Frank Clay and has three children, Elna, Chester and Jessie. Loren Adelbert married Delila Hall, and their children are Lura and Harrold.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith began their domestic life upon a farm in Wisconsin and con-

tinued their residence in that State until 1860, when they removed to Brown county, Minnesota. The following year they went to Rochester, and in 1863 our subject became a farmer of Nashville township, Martin county. He secured from the Government a tract of wild land, one of the first claims made in the township. The county was but sparsely settled, and seemed just opening up to civilization. There were only eleven voters in the north part of the county, the greater part of the land had never been placed under the plow, many of the now thriving towns and villages had not yet sprung into existence and the county was waiting for the developing powers and organizing forces of such men as our subject. He has ever borne his part in the upbuilding of this region and has done much for its advancement and progress. Mr. Smith built upon his farm a shanty made with poles driven into the ground and covered with boards. He has always lived upon his farm with the exception of about five years spent in Amboy engaged in mercantile business. As the years passed, wild land was transformed into beautiful homes and farms and pioneer improvements were replaced by substantial buildings in keeping with the improvements of a model farm.

In 1864 Mr. Smith enlisted in Company D, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, as a private, and served until the South had laid down its arms and peace was once more restored. He was always found faithful to the old flag and the cause it represented, and when the war was over he was honorably discharged, in 1865. When the Republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he joined its ranks and has since fought under its banner. He was serving as a member of the Town Board of Supervisors when the township was organized, and at the time of his enlistment in the army. He also served as Justice of the Peace while in Amboy for both the township and city. He took part in the organization of Nashville township and has ever been active in advancing the best interests of town, county and State. He has been a member of the Grange and a most prominent and consistent member of the Freewill Baptist Church. He aided in the establishment of the church, was instrumental in securing the house of worship and had the honor of laying its corner-stone. From the organization of the society he has served as Deacon, and in the Master's vineyard he has been an earnest laborer. His Christianity is of that practical kind that recognizes the brotherhood of mankind, and has a broad charity and warm sympathy for his fellow men. He was also at one time church Trustee. The life of Mr. Smith has been well spent and has won him the respect and confidence of all. He has also gained, through straightforward, honorable effort, a handsome competence which now enables him to lay aside all business cares and live retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

JOHN DICKERSON DRAKE, a farmer of section 32, Center Creek township, was born in Indiana, December 7, 1852, a son of Kelley and Sarah (Ashby) Drake. The mother is supposed to have been born in Indiana. The father died when our subject was four years old. They were the parents of four children—Jane, wife of J. P. Vandike, of Iowa; James W., also of that State; John D., the subject of this sketch; and Elizabeth, deceased.

J. D. Drake, the youngest son and third

child, was taken by his parents to Benton county, Iowa, at the age of nine months, where he was reared to farm life and attended the district schools, also spending one winter in the Irving School. At the age of fifteen years he began life on his own account, coming to Martin county, Minnesota, where he worked at farm labor for a year and a half, returned to Benton county, in 1876 located on a rented farm in Fairmont township, Martin county, remaining there six years, spent one year in Faribault county, and in 1882 bought the place where he now resides, consisting of 320 acres, all under a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Drake assisted in the organization, and is president, of the Center Creek Creamery Association. He is identified with the Republican party, and has served five years as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and for a time was a member of the School Board.

Mr. Drake was married in 1875 to Lillian Hodgman, born in Onondaga county, New York, August 30, 1858, a daughter of A. J. and Louisa (Walrath) Hodgman. She was brought by her parents to Martin county when quite young. Our subject and wife have four children—Alta, Millie, Alvin and Nettie. One son, Amason K., died at the age of twelve years.

THOMAS W. JENNESS, who resides on a farm in section 17, Winnebago City township, is one of the first actual settlers of Faribault county, the date of his arrival here being 1856.

Mr. Jenness is a native of Deerfield, Rockingham county, New Hampshire, born November 25, 1823, son of Joseph and Sallie (Pearson) Jenness, both of English descent. Joseph Jenness was a farmer and spent his entire life in the Granite State. Thomas W. was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools, his early education being largely supplemented by home reading and study. He remained with his parents until he attained his majority, when he accepted a position as clerk in a general store at Manchester, New Hampshire, continuing there about a year, and for a short time engaged in business on his own account, being occupied in mercantile pursuits until 1855, when he came west to Story county, Iowa. In 1856 he landed in Faribault county, Minnesota, and homesteaded 160 acres of land in section 35, Winnebago City township. Upon a part of this land the village of Winnebago City has been built. He subsequently sold out to J. C. Easton, and bought land on sections twenty-one and twenty-two, but later sold that property and bought his present farm of 160 acres in section 17. Here he has built a good house and barn, and, indeed, all the improvements upon this place have been put here by him, and in his farming operations he is making a success.

In 1864 Mr. Jenness enlisted in Company L, Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, and from August 18 until the close of the war was on active duty. He is a man who is well posted on the general topics of the day, is Republican in his political views, and favors all movements for the promotion of the best interests of the community. He has never sought for official honors, and the only office of any kind he ever held was that of Treasurer of his school district. Personally, he is frank and genial, and is an intelligent and interesting conversationalist. He is unmarried.

WILLIAM EDWARD LEPINE, a farmer of section 11, Rolling Green township, is a son of John and Elizabeth (Pitman) Lepine, natives of England, where they spent their entire lives. The father was a cabinetmaker by trade. W. E., the eleventh of thirteen children, seven sons and six daughters, was born on the ocean on the journey from London to Sydney, June 9, 1822. He was raised in England, and when six years of age was sent to a boarding school, where he remained for about a year. He went to sea as cabin boy on the ship "Robinson," bound for Quebec and Montreal, having made two trips during that year. In the following year he went from Greenock to New York city. He was about fifteen years of age. Leaving that ship, our subject went to Montreal, where he learned and followed butchering for a few years. Two years afterward he went to New York, returned to Canada for two years, and later crossed the Rocky mountains with Sir George Simpson to Vancouver, remaining there two and a half years. Mr. Lepine was next employed on the steamship Beaver, which was engaged in the fur trade between Vancouver and Victoria island, and along the northwestern coast, and was made second engineer of the ship. He then followed the butcher's trade in Montreal and Baltimore until 1858, from that time until 1875 resided in Chicago, and then located on the farm he now owns in Martin county, Minnesota. He now owns 280 acres of well improved land.

In 1866 Mr. Lepine was united in marriage with Addie Wilson, a native of Iowa, of Danish parents. They have had three children, two now living: Elizabeth, wife of Dr. James Bird, of St. James, Minnesota; and William, at home. Mr. Lepine supports the Republican party, and has served as Director of school district No. 35 for six years. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

ROBERT VEITCH HESSELGRAVE, a retired farmer of Winnebago City, was born in Potsdam, St. Lawrence county, New York, September 10, 1834, a son of William and Elizabeth (Veitch) Hesselgrave. His father was a native of Yorkshire, England, and the mother of Scotland, both coming to America when young, and were married in New York, where Mr. Hesselgrave followed farming the remainder of his life.

Robert V. remained on the home farm until fifteen years of age, receiving his education in the district schools. He then entered the office of the Potsdam Courier, and served a three-years apprenticeship at the printer's trade. At the expiration of that time he came West to Chicago, and was for two years employed in the office of the Tribune, after which he went to St. Paul, Minnesota, and worked at his trade in the Pioneer Press office for two years. Subsequently he went to Henderson, Sibley county, Minnesota, and was for a few years in the employ of Joe Brown, in the office of the Henderson Democrat.

About 1859 Mr. Hesselgrave determined to turn his attention to agricultural pursuits, and he pre-empted a quarter section of land in the town of Arlington, Sibley county, which he immediately began improving and cultivating, making it in time a fine farm, and that place was his home for about fourteen years. In February, 1865, he was ap-

pointed to the position of Second Lieutenant in Company M, First Regiment Minnesota Heavy Artillery, continuing in service until honorably discharged in November of that year. After his return from the army he resumed his farming operations, which he successfully carried on until 1873, when he sold out and moved to St. Paul, again taking up his trade, and the succeeding four years were spent in the office of the Pioneer Press. In 1877 Mr. Hesselgrave purchased 360 acres of land in sections 21 and 22, Verona township, Faribault county, and continued that occupation until November, 1894, when he left the farm in charge of his son and moved to Winnebago City, where he is now living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

Mr. Hesselgrave is a man of enterprise and more than ordinary intelligence, is a great reader, and keeps himself well informed on the topics of the times. He became a voter about the time the Republican party was organized, and has ever since supported the men and measures of that party. He has held most of the local town offices, and was for some years County Commissioner in Sibley county. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., the I. O. O. F., and James Clabaugh Post, No. 54, G. A. R., of which he was one of the charter members.

October 3, 1858, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Amanda, daughter of Abraham and Louisa (Smith) Livingston. Mr. Livingston was of Scotch descent and was born on one of the Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence river, and Mrs. Livingston was born in Franklin county, New York, of English ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Hesselgrave have five daughters and two sons, namely: Ella E., wife of J. H. Sawyer, of St. Paul; Emma H., now Mrs. William A. Nichols of Everett, Washington; Frances M., wife of C. C. Ives, of Blue Earth City; William E., who married Miss Ina Hall, and resides on the home farm; Carrie T., wife of H. L. Bullis, of Winnebago City; Sherman S., a practicing physician of St. Paul; and Minnie V., at home.

ALFRED TILTON FRENCH, a farmer of section 36, Waverly township, Martin county, is a son of Columbia and Mary Ann (Tilton) French, natives respectively of Canada and New York. They were married in Ohio, and afterward located in Chatfield, Fillmore county, Minnesota, where the father followed the carpenter's trade. They next removed to Spring Valley, that county, subsequently went to Dakota, and then came to Martin county, Minnesota, where the father died in 1891. The mother departed this life in 1864. They were the parents of nine children, four now living,—Adeline, Frank and Sarah, in Oregon; and the subject of this sketch. Two of the sons, William and Charles, were soldiers in the late war, the former having died in service, and the latter was killed by Indians near Ft. Ridgely. The father also was a soldier in the late war, a member of the Minnesota Volunteers.

Alfred T. French, the subject of this sketch, was born at Chatfield, Minnesota, March 30, 1858. He came to Martin county in 1879, locating on his present farm of 520 acres, 150 acres of which is under a fine state of cultivation. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, owning 500 head of fine wool sheep, 30 head of cattle, 16 horses and 40 head of hogs. Politically,

Mr. French acts with the Republican party, and has served as Township Assessor five years, as Constable of Waverly, and as Clerk of the school district No. 106. Socially, he is a member of the A. O. U. W.

In 1882 Mr. French was united in marriage with Mary Hackney, born in Canada in 1863, a daughter of William Hackney, now of St. James, Minnesota. To this union have been born four children,—Charles C., Nellie May, Leslie Sylvester and Elmer. Mr. French is a Deacon in the Congregational Church, and has also served as Superintendent of the Sunday-school.

CECIL SHARPE, cashier of the Merchants and Farmers' Bank, of Fairmont, Martin county, Minnesota, is a native of Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, England, born October 4, 1850. His father, Rev. Robert Matthew Sharpe, was born in Kingston, Jamaica, June 4, 1816; and his mother, *nee* Emily Pratt, at Paston, Northamptonshire, England, October 14, 1815. The latter was a descendant of very old and somewhat distinguished English families, her genealogy being traced back through a long line of ancestors to Simon Cowper, who was born in 1310 and was for a time sheriff of London. Robert Cowper was prominent during the reign of Henry V., and John Cowper during that of Henry VI. William Cowper, who was clerk of the English parliament in 1740, was uncle to William Cowper, the poet, who was born in 1731. Major Cowper, son of William and cousin to the poet, married Maria, daughter of Colonel Martin Madan, M. P., and their daughter, Frances Cecelia, became the wife of Rev. Joseph Stephen Pratt, vicar of Peterborough and prebendary. Their son, Rev. Joseph Pratt, who was born July 29, 1784, was rector of Paston for upwards of fifty years, and the father of Emily Pratt, the mother of the gentleman whose name initiates this review.

Rev. Robert M. Sharpe and Emily Pratt were married in 1842, at Paston, while he was curate at Hathern, whence he removed to Colsterworth and took charge of that parish. From 1862 until 1865 he had a parish in London, and at the time of his death, which occurred April 16, 1886, he was vicar of Anslow, Staffordshire. His good wife survived him a few years, dying in November, 1893. They were the parents of five children, all of whom reached maturity, namely: Frederick Robert, who has held an official position in the India office, London, England, for the past thirty years, married Marian Rowell, and they have one child, Beatrice; Constance Emily and her husband, Captain W. H. Cockell, are both deceased, and left one child, Constance; Georgiana Marian, wife of Dr. Poyntz Wright, of Saint Neots, England, has four children,—Ethel, Hubert, Muriel and Eric; Granville, who married Alice Marian Hooper, has one child, Granville Cecil, is a resident of Ware, England; and Cecil, who is the immediate subject of this sketch.

Cecil Sharpe attended school in London until he was thirteen years of age, and from that time forward for eight years was employed in a bonded warehouse in London. He then returned home and gave his attention to farming. In 1874 he came to America, direct to Fairmont, Minnesota, in company with three others,—the four being the first Englishmen to locate in this vicinity. At this writing Mr. Sharpe is the only one of the number who retains a residence here. He located on a tract of wild prairie land,

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six miles south of Fairmont, and as soon as possible had the soil broken. That winter he returned to England, where he remained until the following spring, when he once more retraced his way to Minnesota and on his land put in a crop, utilizing for the same 400 acres. Here misfortune overtook him, his entire crop being swept away by the grasshoppers, leaving nothing in their train but devastation and denuded fields. After this experience our subject devoted his attention for some time to chopping wood in the timber districts and other pursuits. Returning finally to Fairmont, in February, 1876, he located land for some of his countrymen, and personally gave his attention to building. From 1880 until 1882 he dealt in farming machinery and implements, and in this venture was unsuccessful. He was not discouraged, however, but went to work with a will, and gave his attention to building operations until 1886, in which year he was offered and accepted the position as cashier of the Merchants and Farmers' Bank, which incumbency he has since filled most efficiently. Since 1874 he has made three visits to England.

Mr. Sharpe was married in 1880 to Catherine Agnes Wollaston, who was born at Saint Catherines, Ontario, Canada, July 31, 1850, eldest daughter of Percy Wollaston. They have five children: Emily Catherine, Cecil Granville, Constance Irene, Marian Victoria, and Agnes Dorothy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe are members and communicants of the Episcopal Church at Fairmont. Our subject has been Treasurer of the church since 1880, and is now filling also the office of Junior Warden. He is a member of the blue lodge and chapter, Free and Accepted Masons, being Treasurer of the latter; and he is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is serving his second term as Treasurer of the municipality of Fairmont.

Such, in brief, is a review of the life history of one of the most worthy and most highly respected citizens of Martin county.

CHANDLER C. BRIGGS, who carries on general farming on section 23, Jo Daviess township, Faribault county, was born in the town of Concord, Erie county, New York, on the 20th of July, 1830, and is the youngest in a family of eleven children, whose parents were Ephraim Allen and Sallie (Townsend) Briggs. The grandfather of our subject, Captain Samuel Briggs, was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, before the Revolutionary war. He was a seafaring man and for many years sailed on a New Bedford whaling vessel, of which he was Captain. He was very successful in his chosen line of work and was a man highly respected by all who knew him. He was accidentally killed in middle life, leaving a wife who long survived him, her death occurring at the advanced age of eighty-five years. She bore the maiden name of Ruth Paul.

Ephraim A. Briggs, the father of our subject, was born in the historic old town of Taunton, Massachusetts, on the 10th of March, 1783, and lived in his native State until after the war of 1812. While there he was married, in 1808, to Miss Sallie Townsend, who was born in Franklin county, Massachusetts, on the 1st of June, 1785, a daughter of Jonathan Townsend, of that State. Mr. Briggs was a farmer by occupation, and in middle life removed to New York, settling in the town of Concord, where, for many years, he kept a tavern.

His old brick tavern was for a long period a landmark in that locality and its genial proprietor was known far and near. He lived to a ripe old age and at length passed peacefully away. In the family of Ephraim and and Sallie Briggs were the following children: Mary, who was born May, 9, 1808, and died in March, 1846; Ephraim, who was born January 8, 1810, and died September 11, 1847; Sylvia, who was born August 5, 1811, and died August 26, 1886; Thomas M., who was born March 23, 1813, and died February 11, 1890; Jonathan, who was born February 12, 1815, and is now living in Wisconsin; Erasmus, who was born August 1, 1818, and died January 4, 1892; Suel, who was born April 7, 1821, and died October 24, 1893; Sallie, who was born March 7, 1823, and now makes her home in Janesville, Minnesota; Cinderella, who was born October 5, 1825, and died July 5, 1874; and Christopher, who was born March 21, 1828, and resides in Cattaraugus county, New York.

The youngest member of the family is the gentleman whose name heads this record,—one of the honored and highly esteemed citizens of Faribault county. He lived in the town of his birth until 1861, attending in boyhood the schools of his native State and working on his father's farm. As soon as old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields and at an early age became familiar with all the duties of farm life. He continued to aid in the work on the old homestead for some time after he attained his majority, but at length left New York for the West, and in the summer of 1861 lived in southern Illinois. He next went to Wisconsin, locating in La Crosse county, where he remained until 1865, at which time he removed to Wauseca, Minnesota,—his place of abode until 1870. His arrival in Faribault county dates from that year. He settled on section 27, Jo Daviess township, and from that time to the present has been one of its leading and representative agriculturists. His land is always under a high state of cultivation, an air of neatness and thrift pervades the place, and its thrifty appearance indicates the careful supervision of the owner.

On the 5th of October, 1853, Mr. Briggs was united in marriage with Miss Phœbe Jane Woodward, daughter of Levi and Hannah (Southwick) Woodward, a native of Erie county, New York, and one of a family of eleven children. She died December 20, 1891, leaving two children, Arthur Allen and Suel Christopher, the latter now living on the family homestead. Mr. Briggs lived on the old homestead from 1871 until 1891, when he built a new residence on a farm which he owned on section 23, Jo Daviess township. He subsequently sold that place, and in 1894 built a fine residence on section 23, also. This is one of the most delightful country homes in Faribault county, tastefully furnished and supplied with all the comforts of life. On the 18th of July, 1894, he was again married, his second union being with Mrs. O. E. White, of Martin county. They are now living at the above mentioned place, and the fruits of his former toil afford them the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In politics Mr. Briggs has been a stalwart Republican since the organization of the party, and does all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen, deeply interested in town and county matters which are calculated to advance the general welfare. He has served

as a member of the Town Board of Supervisors, was its chairman for many years and since resigning that position he has served as Town Treasurer, being the present incumbent in that office, the duties of which he discharges with a promptness and fidelity which have won him universal commendation. Some ten years ago he was elected County Commissioner, serving for two years. In all the relations of life he is the same honorable, upright man, that he is in public office, and is true to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private. He is recognized as one of the strong, reliable citizens of Faribault county, and has the respect and good will of all.

ABRAHAM ROBERTS TOWNE, a farmer of section 12, Martin county, is a son of Elihu and Ann (Roberts) Towne, natives respectively of Massachusetts and New York. The mother was a daughter of Abraham Roberts. The parents were married in the latter State, and were among the first settlers of St. Lawrence county. In 1839 they removed to Ashtabula county, Ohio, where the mother died, at the age of forty-five years, and subsequently the family removed to Wood county, Ohio, where the father died, at the age of eighty-five years. Elihu Towne and wife had twelve children, namely: Huldah, Mary Cary, Horatio (deceased), Abraham R., Caroline, Luther, Jane Johnson, Phoebe Wade, Erastus, Maria Whiting, Alvira Foster, and Philo.

A. R. Towne, the subject of this sketch, was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, December 6, 1817, where he was reared and learned the blacksmith's trade. After his marriage he located on a farm there and built a log house, but in 1860 came to Minnesota, spending five years in Goodhue county, and then located in Minnesota Lake township, Faribault county. In 1870 Mr. Towne came to the farm he now owns, consisting of eighty acres, all of which is under a fine state of cultivation. In December, 1863, he enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company D, Brackett's Battalion of Cavalry, and was appointed the company's blacksmith. He took part in five battles against the Indians, and was discharged in March, 1865. In his political relations, Mr. Towne affiliates with the Republican party, and has held the position of School Director, Justice of the Peace, Assessor, Supervisor, etc. Socially, he is a member of the G. A. R. Post at St. James.

May 28, 1836, our subject was united in marriage with Jerusha Cory, born in New Hampshire, June 10, 1820, a daughter of Daniel and Millie (Morse) Cory, natives of Massachusetts. They were married in New Hampshire, and in 1836 removed to St. Lawrence county, New York, where they afterward died. Daniel Cory was enrolled in the war of 1812. The grandfathers of Mrs. Towne, Samuel Cory and James Morse, served seven years in the Revolutionary war. They were among the first settlers in New Hampshire. Mrs. Towne has one brother now living, Martin Cory. Our subject and wife have four children,—Millie Ann, widow of David Catlin, of Minnesota Lake township, Faribault county, and has five children; Benjamin A. married Frankie Slocum, and resides in Watonwan county; Mary J., wife of Silas Mills, of this township; and David C., who married Annie Rhodes. Mr. and Mrs. Towne are believers in Spiritualism.

FRANCIS BASSETT has been identified with Faribault county since 1866, and, as one of its most prominent citizens, is deserving of more than a passing notice on the pages of this work. The following *resume* of his life will be of interest to many:

Francis Bassett was born in Lewis county, New York, June 1, 1821, and is a descendant of English ancestors. Barachiah Bassett, his father, was born on Martha's Vineyard, as also was Nathan Bassett, his grandfather. His mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Butler, was a native of Massachusetts, a member of a prominent Puritan family and was related to the well-known Benjamin F. Butler. Barachiah Bassett was a soldier in the war of 1812. After his marriage he lived for some years in Lewis county, New York, where he kept a hotel, and from there moved to Jefferson county, same State, where he and his wife passed the rest of their lives, she dying at the age of sixty years and he at eighty. Mr Bassett was a man of prominence in his day. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and religiously he was a Methodist and an active worker in the church. He and his wife had a family of eleven children, some of whom died in infancy, the others growing up to occupy honorable and useful positions in life.

Their son Francis, with whose name we head this article, spent the first sixteen years of his life in his native county, and there received a fair education. He learned the trade of tinner when a young man, and worked at his trade for some years. In 1846, like many an ambitious young man, he was seized with a desire to "go West," and before the end of that year we find him in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, located on a tract of wild land three miles from Fond du Lac. There he developed a farm and on it continued to reside until 1866, when he sold out and came to Minnesota. Arrived in Faribault county, he purchased what was known as the Carlton farm. This place he sold a year later. He then bought of Mr. D. Mason the farm on which he has since made his home, located on section 13, Verona township, Winnebago City being his postoffice address, and here he now owns 300 acres of fine land. His two-story residence is located on a natural building site and is surrounded with native forest trees. He has two barns, one 38 x 40 feet, and the other 20 x 40 feet; granary, carriage house, modern windmill, good fences, etc. Indeed, this farm is in many respects a model one. Besides his property here Mr. Bassett owns valuable real estate in California. He has spent two seasons in the sunny climate of the Golden State,—1887 and 1890.

Mr. Bassett is a man of family. He married Miss Mary Catharine Boyer, a most amiable woman who has shared his joys and sorrows for many years, and to whose assistance and cheerful companionship he owes much of the success he has attained in life. She was born in Jefferson county, New York, September 10, 1825, daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Fultz) Boyer, both natives of the Empire State. Her father was born in Herkimer county, son of Michael Boyer, of that State, the Boyers being of Holland Dutch origin and early settlers of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer had four children,—Mrs. Bassett, Diana, Julia A. and Jerome. The parents lived in Minnesota for some years and went from here to Creston, Union county, Iowa, where they died, the father at the age of eighty-

four and the mother at eighty-six. Mr. Boyer was a veteran of the war of 1812 and the recipient of a pension for services rendered in that war. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett have five children, namely: Sara, wife of Charles Andreas, of Creston, Iowa; James and Jerome, who reside on fruit ranches in Santa Cruz county, California; Jason, who married Miss Carrie Holliday and resides in this county; and Nancy, wife of William Haliday, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. All have been well educated, and Mrs. Andreas was before her marriage a successful teacher.

Both Mr. Bassett and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican and has filled several township offices, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Winnebago City Lodge, No. 30.

H. P. EDWARDS needs no special introduction to the readers of this volume, for he is one of the best known merchants of Faribault county. He is numbered among the honored pioneers of Minnesota, and for some years has been prominently identified with the commercial history of Easton, being now at the head of the leading hardware establishment of this place.

A native of Ashtabula county, Ohio, Mr. Edwards was born on the 6th of December, 1846, and is a son of that sterling pioneer, James S. Edwards, who found his way to the Gopher State in the days when travel was by stage coach, and when settlers in this locality were not a few rods but many miles apart. He and his father were both born on the eastern coast of Maine, of English parentage, and probably descended from Jonathan Edwards. In the primitive days of Ashtabula county, ere a railroad crossed the territory or a telegraph pole had been planted there, James S. Edwards made a home on the soil of the Buckeye State, and, cutting down the stately oak and maple trees, he built in the midst of the forest a cabin home. He had wedded Miss Mary C. Miller and she shared with him in the experiences and hardships of frontier life, and was ever the light of his household. She was born in East Lyme, Connecticut, March 2, 1812, and was a daughter of Joseph Miller, also a native of the Nutmeg State. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards made their home in Ohio until 1852, when he came to Minnesota. He had learned cabinet-making in his youth, but during the greater part of his life carried on agricultural pursuits. When the wild flowers showed the advent of spring in the year 1852 he started for the West, and after many days' travel by rail and boat he reached the home of Henry L. Edwards, his first-born son, who the previous year had come to Minnesota, locating in the Money creek country of Houston county. The father was not exactly pleased with that locality and he settled near Chatfield, where he pre-empted 160 acres of Government land. He then returned to his home in Ohio, and during the summer his son built a house on the claim. The heavy timber was hewn out of the surrounding forest and the lumber was hauled from Winona,—a distance of forty miles. In the fall, accompanied by his family, James S. Edwards took up his abode in this State and again went through the experiences of pioneer life. He carried on farming and stock-raising, and by practicing economy and working early

and late he soon got a good start, and as the years passed his possessions were increased until, in 1869, he was enabled to lay aside all business cares and enjoy a well-earned rest. At length he sold his large farming interests and purchased a home in Chatfield, where he lived until called to the life eternal. Born on the 24th of October, 1800, he passed away December 13, 1883, at the ripe old age of eighty-three, respected by all who knew him.

In business dealings James S. Edwards was scrupulously fair, never swerving from the path of justice and right; as a citizen he was devoted to the best interests of the community in which he made his home and was an important factor in its upbuilding. The excellencies of his character were many and the old settlers and many of the more recent arrivals hold him in loving remembrance. The lady who in early life became his wife and long traveled life's journey by his side was ever his faithful companion and helpmeet, and her kindness and charity endeared her to all. She could tell many very interesting stories of pioneer life, both in Ohio and Minnesota, and could vividly recall the wonderful Christmas day of 1852, when in her little home, 16 x 24 feet, she threw both windows and doors wide open to admit the balmy air, for nature had bestowed a foretaste of spring upon them as her gift on the day when the Christian world celebrates its great gift by kindly remembrances to those near and dear. Mrs. Edwards passed to the reward prepared for the righteous February 4, 1888, and lies beside her husband in Chatfield cemetery.

The Edwards family numbered twelve children: Caroline became the wife of John C. Way, a farmer of Ashtabula county, Ohio, and both have now passed away. Henry L., before mentioned, figured quite prominently in Minnesota's Territorial history, being a Representative in the first Legislature. When the guns of Fort Sumter awakened the echoes that were heard throughout the country he was living in the South and saw that he would be forced to leave the Southern territory and lose his property or join the Confederate Army. This he did, holding the important position of paymaster with the rank of Major, but his friends and family were in the North and beyond the Mason and Dixon line was the place of his nativity; so, after sixteen months' service, he escaped to the North. On reaching the Union lines he met Captain Plumb, in whom he recognized an old schoolmate, and through his intervention Henry Edwards was passed into the Union lines and returned to the old home in Minnesota. He then went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he raised a company of cavalry for service against the Sioux Indians and was made its Captain. On the close of hostilities he returned to the South, and by way of Indian Territory went to Texas, where he is supposed to have died some years since. Phœbe Jane, deceased, the third of the Edwards family, was the wife of the David W. Morse, who was formerly a popular dentist of Chatfield, Minnesota, but is now in Denver, Colorado. George W. was reared in Ashtabula county, served his country during the Rebellion and died in Austin, Mower county, Minnesota. Charles A. carries on farming in Ashtabula county. He was for three years in the Union army and was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga. Ezra M., who in 1862–3 was in the Union army, fighting the Indians on the western frontier, is now connected with the Spring

Valley Bank of Spring Valley, Minnesota. Mary C. is the wife of Dr. Allen, now of Centerville, Alameda county, California. He is a native of New Hampshire, and during the Civil War served as a surgeon in the army. The subject of this sketch is the next younger. Edwin A. is a prominent fruit-grower near Hollister, California. Richard A. has for many years been engaged with the Experimental State Farm Company of Oregon. Lillie R. is the wife of the Rev. Alfred A. Stead, a minister of Michigan. Frank V., the youngest of the family, is a native of this State and is now serving as cashier in the Spring Valley Bank.

H. P. Edwards, whose name heads this record, while his parents made their pilgrimage to Minnesota, made his home with his brother-in-law, John C. Way, in Ashtabula county, and later accompanied that gentleman on his removal to Olmsted county, this State. Mr. Way afterward returned to Ohio, where he died. The first schoolhouse in Orient was a log building with seats along the wall, and there twenty pupils, including our subject, were trained in the common English branches by a Miss Brainard. He lived with his father until eighteen years of age, when he responded to the country's call for aid and on the 10th of March enlisted in Company E, First Minnesota Infantry, from which he received an honorable discharge July 14, 1865, for the war had then closed. Upon his return home Mr. Edwards engaged in school-teaching in Fillmore county, and also attended school in Chatfield. In the fall of 1867 he removed to Walnut Lake, Faribault county, and secured a clerkship in one of the general stores of that place. Two years later that stock, by purchase, became his property, and he entered upon a career as a merchant, which still continues. He successfully carried on the store for two years, and then came, in 1871, to Easton, where he opened a general store, which he conducted until 1877. Selling out he for a time engaged in buying and shipping stock. In 1885 he embarked in the hardware business and is now at the head of the well known firm of H. P. Edwards & Company, proprietors of one of the largest and best conducted establishments of the kind in Faribault county. Their business has steadily increased in volume until it has now assumed extensive proportions and under the able management of our subject the firm has secured a well merited prosperity.

On the 28th of April, 1870, Mr. Edwards was united in marriage with Miss Ophelia L. Tousley, who was born in Jefferson county, New York, and is a daughter of Hiram Tousley. They have five interesting children and lost one, Florence M., who died in her fifteenth year. Those who survive are Grace Blanche, Frank T., Mary M., Harrison P. and Ruth Ophelia. The family occupies an enviable position in social circles where not wealth alone but also true worth and intelligence are received as the passport into good society. Their home is noted for its hospitality and a hearty welcome is ever extended to their many friends.

In his political views Mr. Edwards is a stanch Republican. He cast his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant and has deposited a ballot for each presidential candidate of his party since. For several years he served as town clerk, but has never cared for official preferment. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and his well spent life has been in harmony with his profession. His Christianity is of that practical kind, not shown by protestations

of goodness, but manifested in honorable business dealings and in a straightforward life in all relations.

JOHN A. L. SHUTTLEWORTH, who follows farming and stock-raising on section 4, Blue Earth City township, has been identified with the interests of Faribault county since 1865, and has through all these years borne his part in the development and upbuilding of the community,—being therefore numbered among its valued citizens.

He was born in Nottinghamshire, England, November 23, 1836, and comes of an old family of English origin, which for many generations had resided on the "Merrie Isle." His parents were William and Ann (Stevenson) Shuttleworth, the father a stone-mason by trade. In 1844, accompanied by his family, he sailed on the Leander, for the New World, and after five weeks and three days spent upon the briny deep, landed in Quebec. The vessel had weighed anchor at Liverpool with 450 passengers on board and without accident made the voyage in the time mentioned. The Shuttleworth family proceeded at once to Wisconsin, settling on a farm in Milwaukee county, and afterward removed to a farm in Lisbon township, Waushara county, where they resided two years. During much of this time the father worked at his trade in the city of Milwaukee. Removing to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, they located on a farm in Byron township, where the parents spent their remaining days. The mother died there at the age of seventy-six years and the father's death occurred, at the the home of our subject, in 1887, he also having attained the age of seventy-six years.

No event of special importance marked the boyhood and youth of John Shuttleworth. The first eight years of his life were passed in the land of his nativity, and he then accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, and with them made his home until he had attained his majority, giving to his father the benefit of his services. In the common schools he obtained a good English education, and by reading and studying in later years has become a well-informed man.

When he had attained to man's estate he left home and purchased eighty acres of land adjoining his father's farm, and in course of time the once wild land was made to yield to him a good return. He continued its cultivation until June, 1865, when he sold, and came to Faribault county, entering a quarter-section of land, in Barber township, which he owned and operated for three years. On the expiration of that period he bought 160 acres of wild land in Blue Earth City township, the same constituting his present farm, and in addition to this he owns another 160-acre tract, four miles from the city of Wells, which he has improved, making it a valuable property. One quarter-section which he bought he gave to his son.

Mr. Shuttleworth has been twice married. On the 8th of May, 1860, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Jane Golden, a native of Illinois, born of English parentage,—her father, James Golden, being a native of England. By this union were born two children: Lydia, wife of John W. Squires, of Montana; and William F., a farmer of Blue Earth City township. The mother of this family was called to the home beyond on August 28, 1886, and on the 11th of September, 1889, Mr. Shuttleworth led

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to the marriage altar Miss Emma Viebahn, a native of Juneau county, Wisconsin, daughter of William Viebahn, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Shuttleworth is a most estimable lady, having many friends, and has resided in this county since five years of age.

Mr. Shuttleworth affiliates with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and in his political connections is a Republican. A self-made man, the success of his life is due entirely to his own efforts and has been achieved by diligence, perseverance and careful attention to all the details of business. He now has a comfortable competence, and his farm is one of the best in the neighborhood, highly cultivated, improved with good buildings and neat and thrifty in appearance.

OLIVER HAZZARD SPERRY, one of the honored pioneers of Martin county, residing on section 28, Nashville township, has resided in this locality since 1864, or for almost a third of a century. The memory of such men, who are the founders and builders of a county and to whom the county owes its prosperity and progress, should be perpetuated in written record, that their names may go down to posterity and that their character may live and be cherished long after the place which once knew them shall know them no more.

Mr. Sperry was born in Cortland county, New York, May 2, 1819, and comes of one of the old New England families. His grandfather, Elijah Sperry, a native of Connecticut, learned the blacksmith's trade in his youth, and for forty years worked in one shop. The Sperrys are of Welsh descent and are noted for longevity. The father of our subject, Merrett Sperry, was born in New Haven, Connecticut, and during his youth learned blacksmithing in his father's shop. When a young man he removed to Cortland county, New York, where he married Polly Blodgett, a native of Massachusetts, who had gone to that county in her girlhood days, the family settling near Homer, New York. Her father, Paul Blodgett, was born in the old Bay State, was supposed to be of English lineage and by occupation was a farmer. Upon their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sperry located on a farm in Cortland county, but afterward removed to Cayuga county, where they spent their remaining days. The father died in Auburn at the advanced age of ninety years, and the mother passed away in the sixty-eighth year of her age. They were the parents of thirteen children, eleven of whom reached years of maturity, while four are still living, namely: Diantha, widow of Edmond Howe and a resident of Belmont, Allegany county, New York; Miles P., who is living near Wellsville in the same county; Lovinia, widow of John Harrington and a resident of Bradford, Pennsylvania; and Oliver H., who was the fifth child and fourth son of the family.

Midst play and work his childhood days were passed upon his father's farm, assisting in the labors of the fields through the summer months while in the witer season he attended the public schools of the neighborhood. To his father he gave the benefit of his services until twenty-five years of age, and during that time became familiar with all the duties of farm life, so that when he took up the work in his own interest he did not lack experience.

On the 15th of May, 1845, Mr. Sperry was united in marriage with Miss Augusta Williams, a native of Homer, Cortland

county, New York, born January 4, 1824, and a daughter of Thomas and Olive (Blodgett) Williams, who were natives of Massachusetts. She was the tenth in their family of twelve children, and was reared in the place of her nativity. For a year the parents of our subject lived in Troopsville, New York, and then located on a farm near Cayuga Lake, where he passed two years. Three years he was sick, unable to work, and the family thus had a hard time, but all things must have an end, and his illness was no exception to the rule. In 1852 he removed with his family to Allegany county, New York, where he resided until 1858, which year witnessed his removal to Sauk county, Wisconsin. Securing land he there engaged in farming for six years, and then came to Minnesota in 1864, making a claim in Nashville township, the farm upon which he now lives. He first secured 160 acres of land and upon it built a shanty of only one room, having what is called a shed,—that is, roof, the boards all ran one way; and there were only two windows. There was not a tree upon the place, and he had to haul his lumber for a distance of twelve miles. He went to mill at Mankato, thirty-five miles away, and for one week the family lived on potatoes and hulled corn, for he could not get to mill,—the roads being impassable. In connection with his son he now owns and cultivates 480 acres of rich and arable land. All the improvements on the first quarter section were made by him. He has planted a fine grove of five acres, has good improvements and a pleasant and substantial residence, all of which add to the valuable and attractive appearance of the place.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sperry have been born five children, who in order of birth are as follows: Mary, wife of Andrew Bailey, a resident of California; Frank, who married Rusha Edwards and had two children, Maud and Guy, and after her death wedded Kittie Shaw, who also bore him two children, Ralph and Harrold N.; Fred, who wedded Mary Brady; Byron, who married Alice Hinton and had two children, Elmo and Elno; and Alice, who became the wife of C. H. Dorothy, and died in 1884, leaving five children, Orren, Frank, Edith, George and Cora.

In his political views Mr. Sperry is a Republican and warmly advocates the principles of that party, doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. For twenty-nine years he has served as Postmaster of the Sperry post office, which was the first post office established west of the Blue Earth river in Martin county. It was through his instrumentality that it was secured, and the office has always been at his house. With the exception of two years he has also served as Assessor of his township since 1866, the oldest Assessor in years of continuous service in the county. It is needless to say that he is true and faithful to his duties, for all who know him are familiar with his trustworthiness and loyalty to any confidence reposed in him. His life is pure and honorable, and he is a strong temperance man who uses neither tobacco or intoxicants. His example is one well worthy of emulation and he will leave his children an untarnished name.

WALTER JAY RICHARDSON, A. B., M. D., a leading physician of Fairmont, Martin county, Minnesota, was born near Rochester, New York, November 17, 1856, descending

from very old and prominent New England families. The Richardson family in this country was founded in early Colonial times by three brothers who emigrated from England and first settled in Massachusetts; one of them afterward went to New Hampshire, and another to the State of Maine. Benjamin Allen Richardson, the great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name heads this notice, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was dangerously wounded while boarding an English man-of-war off New York harbor. He was given up for dead, but survived, and married Miss Abigail Larkin, settled on a farm in Pownal, Maine, where he reared a family.

Joseph Richardson, the father of Walter Jay, was born in Oxford county, Maine, in 1822, a son of Bradbury and Jennie (Rideout) Richardson, both of whom were natives of the Pine Tree State. The Doctor's mother, *nee* Lydia Phelps Reed, is also a native of Oxford county, Maine, born in 1826. Her father, Sampson Augustus Reed, a native of that State, was a wealthy cattle-drover and a prominent man in his locality; and her great-grandmother on her father's side,—whose maiden name was Sally Bradford,—was a lineal descendant of Governor William Bradford, of Plymouth Colony, who came over in the Mayflower. Joseph Richardson and Miss Lydia Phelps Reed were married in Maine, subsequently moved to Boston, Massachusetts, and later to Rochester, New York. He assisted in establishing the Rochester Brick & Tile Company, and was one of the organizers of the Vacuum Oil Company, being its first president. In 1873 he came to Minnesota and settled in Glencoe, McLeod county, where he engaged in a general merchandise and grain business, which he continued for several years, with good success, but is now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson brought up a family of children, as follows: Ella, widow of L. A. Pixley of Bird Island, Minnesota; Dr. W. J., of this notice; Lydia, wife of G. R. Crosby, of St. Cloud, Minnesota; Axel J., Bird Island, Minnesota; Lillian May, wife of C. M. Tifft, of Glencoe, Minnesota; and Emma D. The parents are both active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and contribute liberally to its support.

Dr. Richardson was educated at Carlton College, Northfield, Minnesota, and at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, graduating at the last named place with the class of 1881 and with the degree of A. B. After completing his classical course at Amherst, he began the study of medicine at Harvard in 1882, and while there he was a student under the late Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes. He completed his medical course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the medical department of Columbia University, New York, where he graduated in 1885. Having thoroughly equipped himself for his chosen profession, he entered upon its practice at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Afterward he removed to Hutchinson and from there came to Fairmont, where he has been successful in establishing a good practice; and both as a gentleman and a physician he has gained the confidence of the people.

He was married in 1886 to Miss Sarah Sagar, and has three children living: Ralph J., Marion, and Ruth Ordway. Mrs. Richardson is a native of England, born in 1862, and when very young came to America. She is a lady of more than ordinary amiability and intelligence. She was educated in the high school at Hampstead, New

Hampshire, and Mt. Holyoke Female College, Massachusetts. She is a member of the High School Examining Board, an active member of the Congregational Church, and has been president of the Ladies' Aid Society, and is president of the Ladies' Missionary Society. Politically the Doctor is a Republican. Fraternally he is connected with both the A. F. &. A. M. and the A. O. U. W., being a Past Master Workman and District Deputy in the latter organization. He is also a member of the Fairmont Board of United States Pension Examiners.

LEONARD LANE resides on section 16, Blue Earth City township, where he is engaged in general farming and dairying. In 1888 he purchased ninety-nine acres of wild land and at once began to improve and develop it. He now has it under a high state of cultivation, and the well tilled fields indicate to the passer-by his careful supervision. In connection with the raising of cereals adapted to this climate he is successfully engaged in the dairy business and for this purpose keeps on hand fifteen cows. The products of his dairy on account of their excellent quality are readily disposed in the market of Blue Earth City and bring the highest price.

The gentleman of whom we write is a native of the Empire State. He was born in Lewis county, New York, on the 20th of December, 1847, a son of Samuel and Tursey (Cummings) Lane, also natives of New York. In the East they remained until 1856, at which time they started Westward, locating first in Lorain county, Ohio. Subsequently they removed to Huron county, that State, and afterward to Erie county, where they continued to make their home until 1882, which year witnessed their arrival in Minnesota. The mother was called to her final rest in 1890, at the age of seventy-three years, but the father is still living and now makes his home with our subject. During the war of the Rebellion, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he offered his services to the Government and with the Eastern army went to the front, but after eleven months' service he was mustered out on account of physical disability. He has always been faithful to his duties of citizenship and is a highly respected man.

In taking up the personal history of Leonard Lane we present to our readers the life record of one who is both widely and favorably known in Faribault county. He belongs to a family of eleven children, nine of whom are living at the time of this writing. He was only nine years of age at the time of the removal to the Buckeye State, and made his home in Ohio during his youth, no event of special importance marking his life during that period. He received the training which fitted him for his own business career and became familiar with the English branches of learning in the public schools. When only sixteen years of age he joined the boys in blue of Company H, Eighty-eighth Ohio Infantry, and during the first year of his service was engaged in guarding prisoners at Camp Chase. He was taken with the measles, afterward suffered an attack of lung fever, and subsequently had the smallpox, so that he was in the hospital for six months. He continued in the service until the close of the war, when, the country no longer needing his services, he received an honorable discharge and returned at once to his home.

The year 1874 witnessed the arrival of

Mr. Lane in Minnesota. He first located in Brown county, where he engaged in farming and in railroading for about nine years, coming thence to Faribault county. Here he settled upon a rented farm, which he continued to cultivate until 1888, at which time he became owner of his present property. Diligence has characterized his business career and he is a progressive, practical farmer.

On the 12th of May, 1888, Mr. Lane led to the marriage altar Miss Nettie Werner, a native of La Porte, Indiana, and a daughter of James and Cordelia (Shedd) Werner, the former a native of New York and the latter of Michigan: they met and married in the Hoosier State, and in 1865 came to Minnesota, where their remaining days were passed, both having now departed this life. Mr. and Mrs. Lane now have a bright little daughter, Gladys, in whom they take great delight.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Lane has given his support to the Republican party and his duties of citizenship are discharged with the same loyalty which prompted him to enter his country's service when the Union was imperiled. His life has been one of quiet business, commanding the respect of all.

WILLIAM HOSMER WILLSON is a prominent and influential citizen of Martin county and a worthy representative of the agricultural interests. He resides on section 28, Waverly township, where he owns a valuable farm of 480 acres, which has been his place of abode since 1885. This is one of the most highly improved farms of the community, with its well tilled fields, its substantial buildings and its modern machinery. When he took up his residence here only eighty acres was under cultivation, but now 300 acres yields to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestows upon it.

The life record of Mr. Willson is herewith given. He was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, on the 2d of October, 1848. The family is of English origin and was founded in America at an early day in the history of the country. His grandfather was Samuel Warner Willson and his father also bore the name of Samuel Warner Willson. The latter was born in St. Lawrence county, in 1819, and after he had arrived at years of maturity he married Miss Lucy O. Hosmer, a native of the same locality, the date of her birth being 1822. Her father, Otis G. Hosmer, was born in the Green Mountain State, became one of the early settlers of New York and served his country in the war of 1812. The parents of our subject began their domestic life in the county of their nativity and there resided until 1869, when they emigrated westward, their destination being Minnesota. Locating upon a partly improved farm in Minnesota Lake township, Faribault county, the father devoted his energies to its further cultivation and improvement until his death, which occurred in the year 1871. His wife still survives him and is now well advanced in years. In the family of this worthy couple were four children, three of whom are living at the time of this writing, in the winter of 1894. They are Edwin D., William H. and Elizabeth, wife of Edwin O. Shoen.

Like most of the farmer boys of the Empire State at that time, our subject passed the days of his childhood and youth living with his parents and accompanying them on

their removal to the West. He was married in the year 1866, the lady of his choice being Miss Ellen R. Stearns, a native of St. Lawrence county, New York, and a daughter of Clark and Mary (Wadsworth) Stearns, both of whom were born in Vermont, but became pioneer settlers of the Empire State. One child graces the union of Mr. and Mrs. Willson, a daughter, Libbie I., now the wife of Albert Grover of Martin county, by whom she has one child, Mary.

After residing in Faribault county for two years, the subject of this sketch returned with his family to New York, where he resided for seven years. He then again came to Minnesota, settling in Sibley county, where he was engaged in teaching school until 1883, which year witnessed his removal to Mapleton, at which place he engaged in hotel-keeping for two years. In 1885 he came to Martin county, locating upon the farm which has since been his home. At that time the buildings were somewhat dilapidated, but he has remodeled them and added other substantial improvements, making his place one of the finest equipped farms in the northern part of the county. He follows general farming, raising the different cereals which are adapted to this climate, and throughout the community he is accounted one of the wide-awake and enterprising agriculturists.

Mr. Willson, since attaining his majority, has been a supporter of Democratic principles and takes quite an active interest in local political affairs. His fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office, and his duties have ever been discharged with the fidelity of a loyal citizen, devoted to his country's interest. He was County Superintendent of Schools in Sibley county, has been Town Clerk of Waverly township for the long period of six years, was the candidate of Martin and Watonwan counties in the fall of 1894 for the office of State Senator, and in 1888 was nominated for the office of Sheriff; but the strong Republican majority could not be overcome. In his social relations Mr. Willson is a Mason, holding his membership in the blue lodge and chapter of Fairmont, and has been Senior Warden in the former and Treasurer in the latter. In the various walks of life he has ever been found upright and honorable, true to every trust reposed in him, and his public and private life are alike above reproach. Such in brief is the record of one of Martin county's leading farmers.

WILLIAM OELKE, a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser, of Blue Earth City township, Faribault county, Minnesota, dates his birth in Germany, August 27, 1848, his parents being William and Earnestana (Maenke) Oelke.

In 1865 the Oelke family, consisting of father, mother and seven children, emigrated to America, being seven weeks and three days on the ocean and landing in safety at New York. From that city they came direct to Faribault county, Minnesota, where the father entered 160 acres of Government land in section 6, Rome township, afterward purchasing forty acres and thus having a fine farm of 200 acres, which, with the help of his sons, he improved, and where he resided the rest of his life. He died in 1886, at the age of sixty-five years. His widow now resides on the old home place. Of their seven children, we make record as follows: William Rudolph, of

Olmsted county, Minnesota; Leapold, of Rome township, this county; Ottelia, wife of Julius Block, of Blue Earth City; Matilda, deceased, was the wife of Gustave Rechow, of this county; Emma, wife of William D. Fenske, this county; Emiel, deceased; and Gustave, at the old homestead with his mother.

William Oelke spent his youthful days in farm work and in attending school. He came to this county with his parents and for two years after their arrival here assisted his father in improving the frontier farm on which they settled. Then he worked out and ran a threshing machine for some years. In 1876 he purchased 160 acres of his present farm, to which he has added by subsequent purchase until now he has 293 acres of Faribault county's best soil, well cultivated and nicely improved. He has four acres planted in trees which serve both as a protection from the severe winds in winter and for shade in the hot summer days. His barn, built in 1886, is 36x92 feet, and his granary is 18x30 feet. A windmill furnishes power by which feed is ground for his stock.

Mr. Oelke was married June 5, 1876, to Miss Mary Fenske, a native of Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of John C. and Louisia (Kreiger) Fenske. Mr. and Mrs. Oelke are the the parents of seven children,—Walter H., Fred W., Carrie L., John R., Albert E., Lillie E. and Edward L.

In politics Mr. Oelke is a Republican and has served the public as Supervisor for six years. He is truly a self-made man. By his own industry and good management he has accumulated a fine property which he uses to the best advantage by surrounding his family with the comforts as well as the necessaries of life.

GEORGE AZRO MOORE, a farmer of section 22, Fraser township, Martin county, is a son of German R. and Elmina (Orcutt) Moore, natives of Vermont, the former born on Lake Champlain. They were married January 10, 1838, near the Canada line, and afterward located in Allegany county, New York. In 1870 they located on the farm now owned by our subject in Martin county, Minnesota, then wild land, but the entire place is now under a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Moore departed this life March 26, 1888, at the age of seventy-two years, and the mother survived until April 13, 1892, dying at the age of seventy-eight years. They were the parents of nine children, five now living,—Ulysses, Marilla, Ellen, John and George A. One son, Samuel, was a soldier in the Civil war, and is now deceased.

George A. Moore, the subject of this sketch, was born in Allegany county, New York, July 4, 1857, and was fourteen years of age when he came to Minnesota. He assisted his father on the farm until twenty-one years of age. In 1882 he removed to Miles City, Montana, in 1887 went to Oregon, next roamed over the west for a time, then came to Martin county, Minnesota. Mr. Moore now owns 120 acres of fine farming land. He is independent in his political relations, and has held the positions of Township Assessor and Treasurer of school district No. 98.

In 1890 Mr. Moore was united in marriage with Phoebe Adell Leigh, born in New York in 1860, a daughter of Reuben Leigh, an early pioneer of Minnesota. He first located on section 26, Fraser township, but afterward removed to Kansas, where he subsequently died. Mr. and Mrs. Moore

have three children,—Guy, Marilla and Stanley. Mrs. Moore is a member of the Baptist Church.

CHRISTIAN PIRSIG, who carries on general farming on section 34, Blue Earth City township, Faribault county, is one of the worthy citizens that the Fatherland has furnished to the Gopher State. He was born in the Province of Posen, on the 30th of September, 1847, and is a son of Christian and Maria (Longor) Pirsig, who also were natives of the same land and there spent their entire lives. The father died ere the birth of our subject and the children of that union were two in number. The mother afterward married again and her family, by this union, was increased by the birth of four children.

Within the borders of his native province Christian Pirsig spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and in the common schools of the neighborhood he obtained his education. He continued in Germany until after he had attained his majority, in fact was twenty-seven years of age ere he left the Fatherland to seek home and fortune beyond the briny deep. He sailed in 1875, and on reaching American shores at once continued his journey across the country to Minnesota, where he has since made his home. For two years he lived in Blue Earth City, working at any honest employment that he could secure which would yield him a living. It was in this way he really secured a start in life. At length he rented land and engaged in farming in his own interests, continuing to operate land belonging to others until 1882, when with the capital he had acquired through his own efforts he made the purchase of 160 acres, a part of his present farm. This was wild land which had never been placed under the plow, but with characteristic energy he began its development and soon it was made to yield to him a golden tribute in return for the care and labor he bestowed upon it. He not only improved this, but added to it an adjoining tract of forty acres and also purchased 160 acres in Rome township, Faribault county. His possessions therefore now aggregate 360 acres,—all the result of his own well-directed and able efforts. Industry has been the chief feature in his prosperity, but has been well supplemented by perseverance and frugality. His farm has become one of the valuable properties in the county and is supplied with all modern conveniences which are found upon a model farm of the nineteenth century.

In the year 1869 was consummated the marriage of Mr. Pirsig and Miss Caroline Earthman, a native of the province of West Preussen, Germany. They have a family of nine children, as follows: Tillie, now the wife of Ferdinand Erdmann, who is living in Rome township; Charlie, Gustave, Ernest, Albert, Otto, Lena, Ida and Bertha, all of whom are still under the parental roof. They have a pleasant home and Mr. Pirsig is now able to surround his family with many of the comforts and luxuries of life.

In religious belief the members of this family are Lutherans, adhering to the faith which has been that of their ancestors for many generations past. Mr. Pirsig is truly a self-made man and deserves all the credit which that term implies. His worth is widely recognized, for it is such men as he to whom the county owes her progress and advancement, men who are true to the duties of citizenship while attending to their

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own interests and thus promoting the general prosperity and placing the county in the front rank among the leading counties of this great commonwealth.

THOMAS BLAIR, one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of Delavan township, Faribault county, Minnesota, was born in Argyleshire, near Clyde, Scotland, October 8, 1825.

Mr. Blair spent the first twenty-three years of his life in his native land, and then, in 1848, emigrated to this country, locating first in the State of Maine, in the shipbuilding town of Camden. There he served an apprenticeship of three years to the trade of shipcalker. Having mastered his trade, he went to New York city, where he could find employment at remunerative wages during the entire year, and continued there for about six years. In 1856 he joined a colony of New York and Connecticut people seeking homes on the wide prairies of southern Minnesota, and, while the colony settled in Blue Earth county, Mr. Blair and another of the party struck off to the south into Faribault county and located in Delavan township, which was first named Guthrie, they being the first settlers in that township. Mr. Blair pre-empted a claim on section nine, locating in the woods adjoining the water, with the prairie lying conveniently near,—an ideal place for a home. Here he proceeded to build a log cabin, and as soon as it was done, which was that same year, he took to himself a wife and they went to housekeeping in their frontier home.

Mr. Blair began life as a pioneer farmer with but little knowledge of the local methods necessary to success, but he had plenty of pluck and energy and a determination to succeed. To-day he is the owner of a fine farm of 500 acres, has an elegant brick residence, and has other commodious and substantial buildings upon his land. While he has been successful in his farming operations, he is best known as a breeder of fine stock, and in this way has done much to advance the interests of southern Minnesota. For many years he has given special attention to the breeding of shorthorn cattle, his young stock finding a ready market throughout this region of country. At this writing his herd of shorthorn cattle numbers some seventy head. He is also an extensive breeder of Berkshire hogs.

Mr. Blair was married in 1856 to Miss Agnes Kirk, a native of New York city, and a daughter of Andrew and Agnes Kirk, of that State, formerly of Newburg. She has shared with him the hardships and privations of their early pioneer life, and together they are enjoying the prosperity which has resulted from their years of earnest and honest toil. They have seven children living, namely: John R., a farmer of this township; Thomas D., a farmer of Iowa; Donald L., also of Iowa; Mary, an accomplished and successful teacher; Emma, wife of Frank W. White, of Amboy, Minnesota; Fannie, wife of Thomas J. Jones, of Mankato, Minnesota; and Lizzie, also of Mankato.

In his early life here Mr. Blair rendered valued service in several official capacities. In 1858 he was elected a member of the Township Board of Supervisors, and was retained as such for a number of years. Later he was a member of the County Board of Commissioners for several years. The duties of those positions were then arduous and often trying, and the offices were not remunerative. In church matters, earnest and devoted, Mr. Blair has been for

many years an honored Elder of the Presbyterian Church at Winnebago City, and for thirty years he has been an earnest worker in the Sunday-school: always has at least one school, and often two, over which he has officiated as Superintendent.

REV. LEONARD FREDERICK FREY, pastor of the German Evangelical Church of Fairmont, has the respect of not only the people of his own church but also of all other denominations. He was born May 21, 1838, in Boertlingen, Wurtemburg, Germany, where his father Johann Frey, owned an estate and for the greater part of his life held the offices of Assessor and Burgomeister. He studied theology in the land of his birth and in September, 1868, he bade adieu to home and friends, sailing for the New World, where he believed was a fruitful field for Christian labor. He came at once to Minnesota, his destination being St. Paul, and his first pastorate was in Minneapolis.

Mr. Frey was married the following year to Miss Rosa Kreeb, to whom he had pledged his troth ere leaving the Fatherland, and their union has been blessed with a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters; but one son, born in Stillwater, died in infancy.

From Minneapolis Mr. Frey was called to the church in Lewiston, Minnesota, where he remained about two and a half years, when he became the Lutheran pastor at Shakopee, at the same time preaching each alternate Sunday in Stillwater, where his labors were continued for a period of six years. For a few years subsequent he traveled over this State and the Dakotas in the interest of the Minnesota Synod, which had just completed the building of its college at New Ulm, Minnesota, and in 1891 he accepted the call extended to him from the church in Fairmont, where he has since resided, engaged in his holy calling. In his various charges he has labored with good success and is an untiring worker in the Master's vineyard. The congregation at this place has been increased by thirty families since his arrival here, and he has the confidence and love of his parishoners,—a fact which is indicated by his continuance as pastor of the Fairmont church. His life has been one of great usefulness, and during his entire residence in America his field of labor has been Minnesota.

HENRY AUGUST MILLER, a hardware merchant of Welcome, Minnesota, was born in Prussia, November 30, 1848.

Peter Miller, his father, was a farmer in the old country. He emigrated to America in 1860, coming via Quebec, his destination being Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Near that city he bought a farm, and on it spent the rest of his life, and died in August, 1888. Of his children, we make record as follows: Minnie, who married Jacob Black, lives at Grafton, Wisconsin; Bertha, wife of Henry Carson, died shortly after her marriage; Otto is married and living on the old home farm in Wisconsin; Emily, wife of Ferdinand Ragenkop, resides at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; and Reka, the youngest, who died when young.

Henry A., the subject of our sketch, began working for wages when he was nineteen, working in Wisconsin and Michigan. In March, 1879, he came to Martin county, Minnesota, and stopped for a time at Fair-

mont, at first working for wages and later renting a farm which he cultivated. Still later he homesteaded a tract of land, the southeast quarter of section 26, township 103, range 32; and farmed the same until 1888, when he let it to a tenant and moved to Welcome. All the improvements upon this place were put here by him. In 1890 he sold the property to Chris Tenfert, and in August of that same year he built his fine store room in Welcome. As soon as his building was completed he opened up a new stock of hardware and established himself in his present business, which, under his able management, has continued to prosper.

Mr. Miller was married, February 28, 1871, to Annie Hulsemann, daughter of Henry Frederick and Mary Lena Hulsemann, and the children of this union are Otto Peter, Frank, Minnie, Annie, Frances and David. The oldest son is employed as clerk in a store in Welcome.

Politically, Mr. Miller is a Republican; religiously, a member of the Lutheran Church.

HERMANN CHRISTOPHER BLANCK, Welcome, Minnesota, is one of the prosperous Germans engaged in farming in Fox Lake township, Martin county.

Mr. Blanck was born in Hanover, Germany, August 17, 1846, son of Christopher and Katrina (Cordes) Blanck. His father was born January 1, 1813, and died May 10, 1864; his mother, born November 17, 1819, died April 26, 1856. They lived and died in Germany. The father was a wagonmaker by trade. He was twice married, the children by his first wife being as follows: Katrina Matalina Elizabeth, born January 16, 1844, married Henry Juergen Luehr June 3, 1870. They emigrated to America, and now reside on a farm adjoining that of our subject. Their children are: Emma Katrina Martilena, born October 17, 1874; Henry Christopher, November 7, 1876; John George, February 15, 1880; Christopher Henry Hermann, February 9, 1884; and Peter William Gerherdt, September 24, 1890. Hermann Christopher was the second born in his father's family. Peter Henry, the third child, was born August 24, 1854. He emigrated to America, and is now living in Fairmont. His first wife, *nee* Dora Luetchen, bore him two children, Mary and Minnie. By his second wife, *nee* Hannah Luebbenow, he has four children, Hermann, Lydia, Ida and Mary. Anna Katrina, the fourth and youngest child of Christopher Blanck by his first wife, was born April 19, 1855. She married Henry Bruin, and they lived in Chicago up to the time of her death. She left one child, a son. The second wife of Christopher Blanck was Dorothea Wickoff, and their only child, George, is now living in Fairmont, Minnesota.

Hermann Christopher Blanck, with whose name we began this sketch, emigrated to America in April, 1867, landing at New York city, and was immediately employed there as gardener by George Hildebrand, remaining with him fourteen months, receiving $9 the first month and $12 thereafter, with accommodation. In the meantime he had corresponded with an old friend, John Drewes, who lived in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and, at the end of the time above stated, determined to try his fortune further west. Accordingly he landed in Fillmore county, in the summer of 1868, where he secured work and remained until the spring of the following year, when he came to Martin

county and located his present place. He at first took a pre-emption on a quarter section, but fearing he might not have the necessary cash to pay upon this, he gave over the south half of it to his brother-in-law, Henry J. Luehr, and retained for himself the north half, on which he had placed his house. This is the north half of the southwest quarter of section 2, Fox Lake township. August 23, 1884, he purchased of the railroad company a forty-acre tract, the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 3, same township; and May 2, 1893, he purchased another forty, the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 3, Fox Lake township; and now has a fine tract of land, to the cultivation and improvement of which he is devoting his energies.

Mr. Blanck was married June 11, 1878, to Ottilie Bursack, who was born in Crystal Lake county, Wisconsin, November 14, 1852, daughter of William and Henrietta Bursack. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Blanck are George Armo Wilhelm, born April 24, 1880; Jesse Hermann Arthur, November 2, 1882; and Bruno Lewis Irvin, March 18, 1886.

Mr. Blanck was confirmed in the Lutheran Church, April 15, 1860, by Rev. E. H. Halven. He united with the Evangelical Church while living in Fillmore county, March 16, 1869, and still retains his membership in that denomination.

SILAS D. HOBER, of section 29, Walnut Lake township (postoffice Wells), became a resident here in October, 1864.

He was born at Troupsburg, Steuben county, New York, June 5, 1833. His father, Joseph Hober, was born near Schenectady, that State, a son of Frederick Hober, who was a soldier in the war of 1812. His parents were Holland Dutch, of the Mohawk Valley, who spelled their name Hauber. Joseph Hober married Martha Rogers, a native of New York and a daughter of Jonathan Rogers, who also was a soldier in the war of 1812, and married Miss Daring; her father was a Revolutionary soldier. Mr. Joseph Hober had nine children, as follows: Frederick, deceased, who was Brigade Surgeon, with the rank of Major, in the Confederate army; Silas D., whose name introduces this sketch; Salem J., for four years a Union soldier, a member of the Eighty-sixth New York Volunteer Infantry; Jonathan M.; Martha; Hiram A., for three years in the Union army, also in the Eighty-sixth New York; Darius W.; Melissa E.; and Perry Leroy, deceased. Joseph Hober raised a company for Colonel Sickles' brigade, and after being in the army service for a time he was sent back to his home district as a recruiting officer. He was a successful farmer, a public-spirited man, a Jackson Democrat, but one of the first members of the Republican party, and (with his wife) was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died at the age of sixty years, and his widow is still living, now with her daughter, Mrs. Martha Moore, at Canisteo, Steuben county, New York, aged eighty-two years.

Mr. Hober was brought up on a farm and received his education at the common schools and an academy. At the early age of seventeen years he commenced teaching and continued for nine terms, in the East and in Minnesota. In 1864 he left New York and stopped at Baraboo, Sauk county, Wisconsin, and in October of that year came to Faribault county and took a home-

stead, where he now lives and has 160 acres of land comprised in one of the best farms in the township. His dwelling is 16 x 27 feet in dimensions, two stories high, with L 16 x 22, and an addition 14 x 18, furnished in good taste, etc., and the beautiful lawn is graced with ornamental trees, modern windmill, barn and other outbuildings, etc. He is a No. 1 farmer.

He was married in Steuben county, New York, January 11, 1863, to Nancy A. Rowley, a native of Canisteo, same State, where she was brought up. She was a daughter of John S. Rowley, a native of Gorham, New York, and a son of John S. Rowley, Sr., who was a soldier of the war of 1812; his widow drew a pension. Mrs. Hober's mother before marriage was Nancy Van Houton, who was born in Wayne county, New York, a daughter of Isaac Van Houton, who was born in New Jersey, of an old and prominent German family of that State. John S. Rowley had thirteen children,—nine daughters and four sons, namely: George T., James V., Martin V., Emeline, Sylvia J., Mary, Nancy A., Maria, Sarah M., Ambrosia, Olive (deceased), and two others. The father died in 1874, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was a business man, running a saw and grist mill and a blacksmith shop; was one of the first to join the Republican party at its formation, and was a member of the Christian Church. His widow is still living, now aged seventy-seven years. The children were all so reared that they became respected citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Hober have three children: Fred C., who has an excellent farm of 240 acres, married Hattie Odette, and has three children,—Clarence Leroy, Florence Lillian, and a babe; Fannie L., wife of James A. Dixon, of Dunbar township, and has three children,—Joseph S., Esther A., and Ethel May; and Leroy, at home. Besides, Mr. Hober has reared a boy, by name John Silas Hober, as an own son.

Mr. Hober has a fine farm of 160 acres. In politics he is a Republican; he has been Supervisor and chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and Assessor for twelve years. He has been delegate to Republican Congressional and other conventions, and is a zealous worker for his party. He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1856, and is now a member of Lodge 353, at Woodhull, New York. He is an influential citizen.

J. L. HERRING, the popular and esteemed druggist of Easton, Minnesota, has the honor of being a native of this State. He was born in Houston county, in a log cabin near Caledonia, October 14, 1860, and is a son of William A. and Rebecca E. (Bailey) Herring. The family is of German extraction. The great-grandparents of Mr. Herring, natives of Germany, came to this country in an early day, settling in Pennsylvania. The great-grandfather, Lewis Herring, participated in the Revolutionary war, serving as Captain throughout that long struggle, and died either in 1837 or '8, at the age of eighty-five years. His wife died a few years after. The grandfather of our subject, Lewis Herring, was born December 14, 1794, in the State of Pennsylvania, where he engaged in lumbering and agricultural pursuits. He volunteered as an infantry private in the war of 1812, and took part in the battle of Lake Erie. Spending his declining years with his son, William A., he died in Faribault county, in the spring of 1857. He married Eleanor

Armstrong and to them were born the following children: Mary Ann, who became the wife of Daniel Cook, and they came to Minnesota in Territorial days, locating in Walnut Lake township, Faribault county; both are now deceased; Sarah, who is the widow of Silas Powell and makes her home in South Dakota; Sophia, who wedded Henry Knox, for many years identified with Houston county; Hannah, the wife of Silas Parsons, a resident of Charles Mix county, South Dakota; Joseph A., who makes his home in Chase county, Kansas; Louis, who lived in Houston county, was a soldier of the Union army and died May 9, 1865, while returning to his home from the hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, and his remains are interred at the Soldiers' Home cemetery in New York; Samuel, who died in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1829; George W., who died in the same county September 20, 1833; Daniel, who served in the late war, died in Houston county, Minnesota, November 20, 1865; Nancy Eleanor, who died May 7, 1855. William A., father of our subject, is the next younger; Louisa died in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, July 9, 1841. The mother of this family was born on the Emerald Isle, September 28, 1797, and died in Houston county, Minnesota, August 18, 1862.

On his emigration in 1855 to the Gopher State William Herring began farming in Houston county, and there on the 11th of March, 1858, he married Miss Elizabeth Bailey, daughter of Jesse and Margaret (Pennebecker) Bailey. She was born in Ohio, February 20, 1836, and accompanied her parents to Minnesota in 1851, the family settling in Houston county, where her father died; he was a Virginian by birth. His remains were interred in Sheldon cemetery, where by his side was laid his estimable wife. In 1862 William A. Herring came to Lura township, Faribault county, and located a homestead on sections 24 and 25.

Subsequently he returned to Houston county, where he was enrolled as a private of Company K, Eleventh Minnesota Infantry, August 31, 1864. He entered the service at Fort Snelling and was honorably discharged at Gallatin, Tennessee, June 26, 1865, by order of the War Department at Washington.

Upon his return to Houston county he made preparations to take up his residence on the claim in Faribault county, and in August this was done. He hauled the lumber a distance of forty miles in order to erect a little home 14 x 16 feet, and secured what was thought to be a very good home in the primitive days of Minnesota. His means were limited, and the family lived economically and went through the experiences of frontier life, but at length the wild claim became one of the best farms in the county and well-tilled fields brought to the owner a handsome income. His death occurred June 3, 1879, and he was buried in Lura township, where a monument marks his last resting place. He served for many years on the Town Board of Supervisors, and also acted as its chairman, but never sought political preferment though often solicited by his friends to become a candidate for various offices. He was a stanch Republican and cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. His wife, a noble Christian lady, now shares the home of our subject in Easton. His children are Sarah Ellen, born January 11, 1859, in Houston county, Minnesota, eighteen months afterward; J. L., subject of this sketch; Hannah

E., born August 12, 1862, in Houston county, and Mr. Parsons; Ulysses Grant, born April 22, 1866, and died July 14, 1882, and is buried by his father's side in Lura cemetery.

During his early boyhood days J. L. Herring became a resident of Faribault county, and the history of its frontier life is therefore familiar to him. The common schools of the neighborhood afforded him his only educational privileges, yet through experience and observation he has become a well-informed man and does all in his power to promote the intellectual development of the community.

On the 30th of March, 1886, Mr. Herring was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Rath, danghter of Carl and Sophia (Broehl) Rath, at whose home the wedding was celebrated, the ceremony being performed by Justice George Lamby, one of Minnesota's pioneers. Their union has been blessed with four children, a son and three daughters: William E., born March 18, 1887; Clara May, born September 20, 1888, and died on the 9th of November following; Elvira Edna, born December 25, 1889; and Grace Levern, born January 1, 1892. This is an interesting family, and the children and grandchildren cheer the declining years of Mr. Herring's mother.

On attaining his majority, he was called to public office, being elected Pathmaster. He afterward served for three years as a member of the Town Board of Supervisors, and in 1893 he was sent as a delegate to the county convention of the Republican party, with which he has affiliated since casting his first presidential vote for James A. Garfield. Socially he is connected with Easton Lodge, No. 197, I. O. O. F., and also the society of the Modern Woodmen of America of the same place. A few years since he left the farm and is now engaged in the drug business in Easton, where he has a well appointed store, supplied with a good stock, and from the public he receives a liberal patronage. He is a public-spirited and progressive man, devoted to the best interests of the community in which he makes his home, and is numbered among the valued citizens of Faribault county.

ALFRED MUDGETT WELCOME, a well-known farmer of Martin county, Minnesota, is the gentleman in honor of whom the town of Welcome was named. He was born at Bangor, Maine, January 1, 1842, son of Michael and Phidelia (Spear) Welcome.

Tradition says that three brothers by the name of Welcome emigrated from Scotland to America and settled in New England. Timothy Welcome, grandfather of our subject, was a jeweler and watchmaker. He was born in Maine, and when well along in years moved to Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and later to Waushara county, same State. In 1857 he came to Blue Earth county, Minnesota, and made his home at Garden City, where he died. He married his wife, Mary, in Maine, and their children were Michael, Isaac Cumming, Jacob W. B., Solomon C., Mary and Cyrus.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, Mr. Spear, died in Maine, at the age of about thirty-five years. His two children were Phidelia and John.

Michael Welcome was a minister in the First Day Adventist Church. He was born in Maine, on his father's farm, August 12, 1817. In 1847 he emigrated westward to Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and pre-

empted a tract of land, and in 1851 he moved to Waushara county, Wisconsin, where he continued to farm, and also to administer in a clerical capacity to the followers of his faith, wherever duty called. In June, 1867, he joined a small company and came west to Garden City, Blue Earth county, Minnesota. He bought city property and also a farm near town. In the fall of 1876, in response to a call, he moved to Monticello, Minnesota, and took charge of a congregation of First Day Adventists. In March, 1892, he visited his son Frederick at Santa Cruz, California. Mrs. Welcome was at the time sick with erysipelas, and in caring for her he contracted blood poisoning, from which he died May 1, 1892. He was married in 1840, and he and his wife had children as follows: Alfred Mudgett, the subject of this article; William, a furniture dealer at Hancock, Minnesota; Garaphelia, widow of George W. Oxreider; John C., a farmer of Lincoln county, Kansas; George, who died in infancy; George M., a farmer of this county; Laurie and Florie, twins, the former the wife of E. P. Willington and the latter the wife of G. Bailey; Sarah, wife of Robert Kreis; Frederick, who has charge of the electric-light system of Santa Cruz, California; Mary, wife of Jefferson Clark; and Nellie, wife of Walter Wilder.

A. M. Welcome remained under the parental roof until the breaking out of the late war. August 21, 1862, he enlisted at Oasis in Company G, Thirteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, A. B. Swain being captain. He saw his first service in Kentucky, and from there was sent to Minnesota to fight Indians. The Indian trouble having been settled, he was ordered back to Louisville, and shortly after started for Nashville, but stopped at Bowling Green, and later returned to Louisville, where he was discharged September 20, 1865. In the summer of 1865 he was made orderly of Barracks No. 1, Louisville. At the close of the war Mr. Welcome returned to his home in Wisconsin, and engaged in teaming for a year or so, and he also ran an express. In 1867 and '68 he had charge of his father's farm.

In the spring of 1869 a company of four set out for Garden City, Minnesota, for the purpose of joining a party at that point to go to California. These four Wisconsin boys were A. M. Welcome, Charles J. Decker, Alva Watterman and Robert Milligan. They drove through to Garden City, and upon arriving there found that the California project had been abandoned. Mr. Welcome remained in Garden City two months, and then, in company with Mr. Decker, visited the States of Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee, and returned to Minnesota in the fall, and soon afterward to Wisconsin. But having once seen the broad and fertile prairies of Minnesota, he could not rest away from this State, and accordingly returned to Minnesota, accompanied by Mr. Decker, landing in Martin county June 4, 1890. Mr. Welcome built a sod house and settled down on the tract of land which he still owns. A filing was not made immediately, owing to the fact that it was generally believed the land would go back to the Government from the railroad company. This occurred in due time and the filing was placed in 1871. This tract of land comprises the southwest quarter of section 2, township 102, range 32. To it Mr. Welcome has since added an eighty-acre tract on the south, which he secured under the timber-culture act, and now has in one body a fine farm of 240 acres. His

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elegant residence was built in 1883. About three acres of this land are covered with trees, the oldest of which were planted in 1873. The past year he had twenty acres in wheat, seventy in oats, and forty-five in corn, and at present his place is stocked with thirty hogs, twelve cattle and eighteen horses.

Mr. Welcome was married April 4, 1874, to Miss Mina Baum, daughter of John and Mary (Shear) Baum. Mr. and Mrs. Welcome have two children: Charlie Decker, born September 1, 1876, and Earl M., May 8, 1882. The older son is now pursuing a business course in the Breck School at Wilder, Minnesota.

Politically Mr. Welcome is a stanch Republican, and has frequently been honored by his neighbors with township offices. As above stated, the town of Welcome was named for him. It was platted and located on a section owned by his brother-in-law, S. L. Campbell, a railroad attorney.

GEORGE MURRAY, the first settler of Rolling Green township, Martin county, Minnesota, is one of the substantial farmers and highly respected citizens of his community.

Alexander Murray, the father of this gentleman, was born in Scotland, son of John and Nancy Murray, and came with them across the Atlantic in 1803, their settlement being in Nova Scotia. There John Murray and his wife passed the residue of their lives and died. Alexander Murray was married, in Nova Scotia, to Merron Campbell, a native of the Highlands of Scotland, and a daughter of Duncan Campbell, who came to America in 1822 and made permanent settlement in Nova Scotia. The parents of our subject both passed their lives in the country of their adoption, and died and are buried there, the father's death occurring in 1882, and the mother's in 1889. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and were among the most highly respected people of their community. In their family were fourteen children, of whom the following named are still living: John, Adam, George, Robert, Janet Berry, Nancy McKay, Margaret Southerland, and Ellen McKenzie. Three of the sons served in the late war,—Duncan, James and George.

George Murray was born in Nova Scotia, January 24, 1841, and was reared to manhood there, receiving only a limited education in the common schools. His father before him was a farmer, and all his life has been spent in agricultural pursuits. In 1862, at the age of twenty-one, Mr. Murray came to Minnesota, and the following year settled on his present farm. This part of the country was then all wild land, and, as above stated, he was the first settler in the township of Rolling Green. Here he has 380 acres, 300 of which are under cultivation, and all the improvements on this farm have been placed here by him. In February of the year following his location here, he enlisted as a private in the Union army, and, as a member of Company K, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, went to the front. He was stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee, until September, 1865, when he was honorably discharged and returned to Minnesota.

February 28, 1867, Mr. Murray was married to Miss Sarah Jones, daughter of Richard Jones, one of the early settlers of Rolling Green township. They have four children: Catharine Ann, wife of Lovell Whitney, has two children: Richard A.;

Lavina, a graduate of the Fairmont school; and Gladys I.

Mr. Murray is a member of the Protestant Methodist Church, in which he has served as an official, and he is also identified with the G. A. R., Phil. Kearny Post, No. 18. While his early advantages for schooling were limited, he has always taken an active interest in educational affairs and for over twenty years has been an officer in his school district. Politically he is a Prohibitionist. He has served the public as chairman of the Board of Supervisors and has filled the offices of Assessor, Township Treasurer, and Justice of the Peace.

B F. LATOURELL has for at least twelve years been engaged in business in Minnesota Lake, and is one of its leading merchants, now at the head of a well appointed establishment, in which he carries a stock of general merchandise. He receives from the public a liberal patronage, for he is honorable and upright in all dealings, is courteous and pleasant in manner and earnestly desires to please his many patrons..

Mr. Latourell was born near Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on the 5th of November, 1845, and is a son of Francis D. and Mary A. (Tusaw) Latourell,—the seventh born in their family of nine children. The father when but three years old lost both his parents and was adopted by Sisters of Mercy and reared in Montreal. He learned the trade of mason and later in life engaged in plastering, doing this work on many fine buildings in Ottawa and vicinity, including a church in that city, where the remains of the members of his family rested temporarily. He also followed farming for many years, and worked as a mechanic, being an expert along that line. In 1855 he emigrated to Wisconsin, locating in Green Lake county, and after three years he removed to Blue Earth county, Minnesota, where he secured from the Government a homestead claim of 160 acres on sections 8 and 9, Danville township. He died in December, 1882, at the advanced age of seventy-three, honored and esteemed by all who knew him. His wife was also a native of Ontario. Her father received in recognition of some information of the movements of the French, during the French and Indian war, a tract of land of sixteen acres, situated on a little island, on which Mrs. Latourell was born. When about six years of age she was left an orphan. Reared on Canadian soil, she there met and married in that country Francis Latourell. His death occurred on the old homestead at the age of sixty-seven, and a nice granite shaft marks the last resting place of Mr. and Mrs. Latourell, two of the honored pioneers of Blue Earth county.

This worthy couple were the parents of the following children: Charles W., a native of Ontario and a leading citizen of the community in which he made his home, died in the sixty-second year of his age; Julia A., the wife of S. S. Spaulding, an agriculturist, who for three years served the Union as a member of the Thirty-second Wisconsin Infantry; Alexander, in the fall of 1859, came from Green Lake county, Wisconsin, to Blue Earth county, Minnesota, and purchased on section 8, Danville township, a tract of land adjoining the old homestead. He was a member of Governor Austin's company of mounted rangers and fought against the Sioux Indians in August, 1862. He has served as Chairman of the Town Board of Supervisors, has been

School Trustee for many years, and in his political connections is a Democrat. John Wesley resides on a part of the old home farm, and the place is improved with fine modern buildings and conveniences. He also served in Company B, mounted rangers, against the Sioux. He is well known throughout the county and is highly esteemed among men. Angeline is the wife of B. A. Cooper, who follows farming near Fairmont, Martin county. He was a member of Company B, mounted rangers. R. O., usually called Oscar, is extensively engaged in farming near Salem, Oregon. He served under General Sherman in the war of the Rebellion, as a member of the First Minnesota Infantry, and was mustered out at Fort Snelling at the close of the struggle. He has been a resident of Salem for the past four years. B. F., whose name heads this record, is the next in order of birth. Washington, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, resides in Danville, where he has extensive real-estate interests, and also owns the finest home in the city. Lucy A. is the wife of a Mr. Pfister, and for some years has carried on a millinery establishment in Salem, Oregon.

In taking up the personal history of our subject, B. F. Latourell, we present to our readers the record of one of the best known and highly respected citizens of Faribault county. He was a child of only twelve years when with his parents he removed to the Badger State, and a few years later he accompanied them to Blue Earth county. Reared amid the wild scenes of the frontier, he went through the vicissitudes of pioneer life with its many hardships and trials. He aided in the arduous task of developing the wild land, and his boyhood was a busy one. When he came to this State there was not a school in Danville township, and his school life was therefore ended by his removal from Wisconsin. The first school there was a log structure and was erected about 1863. He has, through reading, experience and observation, become a thoroughly well informed man. He has not only studied the common branches, but has familiarized himself to some extent with the classics, and always keeps himself well informed on the questions of the day, political and otherwise. Though farming was his pursuit from early boyhood he did not desire to make it a life work. On coming to Minnesota Lake he rented a building from Peter Kremer, almost opposite the present site of Fish Brothers' store, bought out the stock of N. J. Vance and opened a general merchandise store, which he has since conducted most successfully. He has since erected a good store building and now carries a fine line of goods, while his courteous treatment and earnest endeavor to please his customers has gained him a large share of the public patronage.

During the late war Mr. Latourell manifested his loyalty to the Government by enlisting in Company C, Eleventh Volunteer Infantry of Minnesota, enrolling his name in the old Clifton House parlor on the 29th of August, 1864. He served under Captain Theodore E. Potter, of Garden City, Minnesota, and Colonel Gilfillen. The regiment was largely engaged in detached duty. From Fort Snelling the command was sent to St. Paul, thence by steamer to La Crosse, and by rail to Chicago, whence they were ordered to the front, but were recalled to quell an election uprising. They then went to Louisville, Nashville and Fort Negley, where they were encamped twenty days. The company was ordered to Rich-

land on guard duty, there remaining from November until the following summer, when they returned to Fort Snelling and were mustered out on the 26th of June, 1865.

On the 14th of October, 1866, Mr. Latourell was united in marriage with Miss Irene Annis, daughter of Ira and Brilla (Cory) Annis, who was born in Craftsbury, Orleans county, Vermont, February 28, 1848. She is the fourth in a family of ten children, four sons and six daughters, six of whom are yet living. Richard S. of Mapleton, Minnesota, is now living retired, but for eight years was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Brainerd, Minnesota. Mrs. Latourell is the next younger. Ione is the wife of C. F. Wallace, who for about three years resided near Chattanooga, Tennessee, but is now located in Lura township, Faribault county. Ira D., who owns the old family homestead near Mapleton, has for four years been engaged in merchandising, in the line of hardware, in South Shore, Coddington county, South Dakota. Flora E. is the wife of Albert H. Heath, a farmer of Medford, Minnesota. Sarah M. is the wife of J. H. Quinn, County Attorney of Faribault county, residing in Wells. The father of this family was a native of Vermont and emigrated to Wisconsin early in the '50s with a colony from the Green Mountain State. He came to Minnesota in 1856, settling in Mapleton. He was for some time officially connected with that locality and was a prominent factor in promoting the educational interests. He held membership with the Baptist Church, was an earnest Christian gentleman and contributed liberally of his means to church and benevolent work. He died October 10, 1882. His wife, a native of Vermont, died on the 17th of January, 1862, and thus ended a consistent Christian life. They were laid to rest side by side in Mapleton cemetery, where a monument has been erected to their memory.

Mr. and Mrs. Latourell have a pretty and commodious home in Minnesota Lake, which is the abode of hospitality. Their family numbers eight children, five sons and three daughters: Luella May, born April 17, 1868, in Danville, Blue Earth county, attended the Mankato Normal School, and became a teacher of recognized ability, being employed for six successive terms in one district. She is now the wife of Fred Gilman, a farmer of Medford township. Ira E., born in Danville, January 16, 1870, has since 1893 been a member of the firm of Latourell & Son, and is a deservedly popular young business man; Horace Greeley, born in Danville, March 23, 1872, is a student in the law department of the State University of Minnesota, having read law for three years. Richard Albert, born July 19, 1874, is now employed in the public library as an artist, and many of his works adorn his parents' home. Willie Leslie, born August 4, 1876, died February 6, 1877. Earl, born September 2, 1878, died April 25, 1885. Stella B., born February 5, 1880, is now attending school. Myrtle E., born February 14, 1885, completes the family.

Mr. Latourell was appointed Postmaster, serving during the Harrison administration. He has also been a member of the School Board and takes a deep interest in everything tending to promote the moral, social or material welfare of the community. He aided in building the Methodist church of Minnesota Lake, and has liberally helped to maintain it. He is an honored pioneer, was

a valiant soldier, is a progressive and public-spirited citizen and a straightforward business man. His long residence in this section, dating from 1858, has made him familiar with almost the entire history of southern Minnesota, and in this volume, devoted to the record of the early settlers and best citizens, he well deserves mention.

LINNAEUS HARVEY HAND, who carries on general farming on section 29, Silver Lake township, Martin county, was born in New Lebanon, Massachusetts, October 5, 1839, and is a son of Harvey and Martha (Twentymen) Hand. The paternal grandfather, Jesse Hand, was born in New York and was one of the heroes of the Revolution who valiantly fought in the struggle for independence. The father of our subject was born in the Empire State, as was also his wife. Her father was born in England and came to America as an English soldier when this country was endeavoring to throw off the yoke of British tyranny. When the war was over he located in America, and followed his trade of tailoring as a means of livelihood. In the old Bay State was celebrated the marriage of the parents of our subject, and after two years' residence there they emigrated to Walworth county, Wisconsin, locating on a farm which was their place of abode throughout their remaining days. The father passed away at the age of seventy-five and the mother's death occurred when fifty-three years of age. To them were born six children who grew to years of maturity, namely: L. H.; Lacon J., who is living in Walworth county; Bernadotte, a resident of Lyons, Walworth county; Eleanor, wife of James Cole; Elery C., who makes his home in Oberlin, Kansas; and Arthur W., who is located in Lyons, Wisconsin.

L. H. Hand was only about a year old when his parents removed to the Badger State, and in Walworth county he was reared and educated, working on the farm through the summer months and attending the public schools of the neighborhood in the winter season. His labors were given to his father until his marriage, which took place in 1866, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah F. Short, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, born in 1847, and a daughter of Richard and Amelia M. (Barnes) Short, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of New York. She is the second of four children who grew to years of maturity. Her grandfather, Lewis Barnes, was born in New York, and was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Louie Page, who was born in New York. Her great-grandmother Barnes lived to the very advanced aged of 110 years!

Upon his marriage Mr. Hand located in Lyons, Wisconsin, upon a farm which he there purchased, and which he made his home until his arrival in Minnesota in 1878. For two years he worked a farm on shares and then removed to his present farm,—a tract of sixty-four acres in Silver Lake township, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. He is also agent for the Centennial windmill. Although his farm duties engross the greater part of his time and attention, he never neglects his public duties, and has served in several official positions. For fourteen years he has been the efficient Postmaster of Centre Chain, under both Republican and Democratic administrations, has been a member of the Town

Board of Supervisors, was Justice of the Peace and Township Treasurer, and is now Notary Public.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hand has been brightened and blessed with a family of six children, Elery L., a carpenter by trade; Clarence E., who is a farmer of Eagle township, Kossuth county, Iowa; Ernest R.; Franklin, deceased; Hattie M., and Ellen I., who are still under the parental roof and aid in making the household one of the most hospitable homes in this locality. The members of the family rank high in social circles and their friends throughout the community are many.

HENRY CHRISTOPHER KRUSE, a highly respected citizen of Welcome, Minnesota, is local agent for Hodges & Hyde, prominent grain dealers. A sketch of his life is appropriate in this work, and, briefly, is as follows:

Henry Christopher Kruse was born near the city of Humboldt, Germany, August 6, 1847, son of John Henry and Mary (Myers) Kruse. His father lived and died in Germany, his death occurring in 1882, at the age of sixty-six years. He and his wife had two children, the subject of this sketch and a daughter, Mary, who is the wife of Rinehart Grams, a farmer of Faribault county, Minnesota.

Henry C. had the advantage of a common-school education only. At the breaking out of the Franco-Prussian war, not wishing to participate in that struggle, Mr. Kruse determined to come to America, which he did, landing in New York, October 23, 1869. From there he went to New Jersey and immediately secured work on a farm. Six months later he came West as far as Chicago, and shortly afterward joined a party of laborers that were sent to Vicksburg, Mississippi, to work in the marshes of that vicinity. He was there until the spring of 1872, when he came to Freeborn county, Minnesota, he having acquaintances in that county who had emigrated there from Germany. From 1872 until 1875 he was employed as a farm hand, and the latter year he married and settled down on a rented farm. Later he bought a quarter section of land, which he sold to Frederick Lempke, and moved to Lakefield, Jackson county, this State. There he entered the employ of Bonner & Hyde, which firm has since changed to Hodges & Hyde, and he has ever since acted as their local agent, buying grain. From Lakefield he was sent to Rapidan, Blue Earth county, and in August, 1881, was transferred to Welcome, Martin county, where he has since remained. When he felt that he was permanently located at Welcome he moved his family from Freeborn county to this place, and in 1883 he built the residence he has since occupied. Also, soon after his arrival here, he purchased a 160-acre tract of land, the southwest quarter of section 26, township 103, range 32; and now has a tenant on his farm.

Mr. Kruse was married August 10, 1875, to Lauretta Adelia, daughter of George W. Sanders. She was born March 12, 1857. Their children are as follows: Henry Newell, born August 10, 1877; Orren Adrian, October 17, 1880; Ellen Margaret, February 7, 1882; Ida Joel, November 23, 1884; Gertrude May, March 20, 1887; and George Harold, June 2, 1889.

Fraternally, Mr. Kruse is identified with the Masonic order at Fairmont, and A. O. U.

W. at Welcome; politically, he is a Republican, and, religiously, he is a believer in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church.

ANDREW EATON, Postmaster at Wells, has been a resident of this village ever since 1872. He is a native of Windsor, Hartford county, Connecticut, born September 18, 1824, a son of Joshua Eaton, who was a native of Union, Tolland county, same State, where the father of the celebrated Philip D. Armour of Chicago, was born; they were friends and neighbors. Joshua's father, Josiah Eaton, was a Revolutionary soldier under General Putnam, and was at the battles of Bunker Hill and Long Island and served seven years. General Eaton, of Massachusetts, was of the same family. Joshua Eaton was married at Windsor, Connecticut, to Miss Jane Stiles, a daughter of Captain Stiles, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and wintered with Washington at Valley Forge. He was a prominent citizen of Windsor. Joshua was in the war of 1812, engaged by the United States Government in hauling supplies from Hartford, Connecticut, to Portland, Maine. In 1831 the Eaton family moved to Stockbridge, Madison county, New York, by team and wagon. In their family were four sons and four daughters, named as follows: Cornelia; William, a graduate of Hamilton College, of Clinton, New York, became a teacher, and died at Beaufort, South Carolina; Asahel Knowlton, also a graduate of Hamilton College and now a chemist in Brooklyn, New York; Andrew and Ann Blackman, of Iowa, twins; Caroline Frost; Samuel Chapin, assayer in the United States mint at New York, and during the war a civil engineer for the United States Government; and Emeline, wife of J. K. Jessup, of New York city, employed in the United States mint.

The subject of this sketch was reared at Stockbridge, receiving a general education in the public schools and at an academy at Clinton, under Professor Strong. At the age of twenty years he engaged in trade, buying and shipping grain and produce at Oneida, New York. In 1860 he went to Woodstock, Canada, where he was engaged in the milling business until 1872, when he came to Faribault county, locating upon a farm in Kiester township. In the autumn of 1873 he moved to Wells, entering the grain trade, which he has now followed here for nearly twenty years. For a time he was also engaged in milling. He was appointed Postmaster of Wells in 1889, under President Harrison's administration, and in 1891 the office was made a presidential office, when he received his second appointment, having held the office for more than five years at this writing.

December 5, 1850, is the date of his marriage, at Stockbridge, New York, to Sarah F. Wood, daughter of David Wood, an old merchant of that place. Mrs. Eaton was educated at Cazenovia Seminary, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton have five children, viz.: Frances, a graduate of the musical department of Grinnell College, Iowa, and now a music teacher; Samuel E., a commercial traveler and grain buyer, living at Wells; Charles A., also in the grain business, purchasing and shipping grain, in North Dakota; Clark Stiles, engaged with the Hager Music Company, of Wells; Rose, a student at the State University at Minneapolis, a member of the graduating class of 1895.

Mr. Eaton is a Republican, and has been President of the Village Council; is a member of the Masonic order, and a highly esteemed gentleman for his fine intellectual, business and social qualities.

C. H. DRAPER, a leading and wide-awake young business man of Wells, now carrying on a drug store, was born in the township of Colon, Michigan, on the 29th of April, 1865, and is a son of Moses R. and Sarah (Hampsey) Draper. They had two children, one being Calista, now living with her parents in Michigan. The father also was born on the old homestead in the Peninsular State, where our subject's birth occurred, in 1843. He has made farming his life work, and now carries on agricultural pursuits in Michigan where, with his wife and daughter, he has a pleasant home. The paternal grandfather, Hiram Draper, was born in New Hampshire, in 1808, emigrated to Michigan in an early day, and settled in the southern peninsula, where after an active life he is now spending his declining years in retirement. He has reached the ripe old age of eighty-seven.

In the first twenty years of his life C. H. Draper was upon the home farm, aiding in the labors of the fields and attending the public schools of the neighborhood. On leaving the high school, and thus completing his literary education, he entered the business college in Kalamazoo, Michigan, at which he was graduated, in the class of 1884. He then spent one year in teaching school and in the spring of 1885 he started westward. Chance led him to Wells, and after a short time he went to South Dakota, where he continued for a year, engaged in the drug business. On the expiration of that period, not being favorably impressed with the outlook for Dakota, he returned to Wells and purchased a half interest in a drug and stationery store, his partner being J. M. Nye, the present County Superintendent of Schools of Faribault county. The connection between the two gentlemen continued for four years, when Mr. Draper bought out his partner's interest, and has since been sole proprietor of the leading drug store of Wells. He has a well appointed establishment, supplied with everything found in his line, and is now enjoying a fine trade, his patronage having constantly increased from the beginning.

On the 31st of October, 1889, Mr. Draper led to the marriage altar Miss Julie Hall, a native of Quincy, Michigan, and one of the three children of A. D. and Emogene (Leland) Hall. Her father was born in the Empire State, although his life was mostly passed in Michigan. He subsequently removed to Minnesota, became one of the first settlers of Wells after the town was platted, and built the Wells Hotel, one of first buildings of the city. After spending a few years here he removed to Chicago, and soon afterward his wife died. He survived her a few years, and then he, too, was called to the home beyond. He is well remembered by many of the pioneer settlers of this locality, and his daughter, Mrs. Draper, has resided in Wells longer than any other lady. Two children grace the union of our subject and his wife,—Dorothy and Marjorie Draper.

Socially Mr. Draper affiliates with several secret societies, and in politics he is an inflexible adherent of the principles of the Republican party. He does all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success, and is a man of firm convictions which he

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upholds with all the ardor of an enthusiastic and true nature. He possesses good business ability and has therefore prospered in his undertakings, and his sterling worth has gained him the confidence and good will of many friends.

GEORGE A. WEIR is the owner of a fine farm of 100 acres, and his home is within the village limits of Winnebago City. His residence in Faribault county dates from 1857, and during the long period of thirty-eight years he has witnessed the growth and development of this region from a wild tract to one of the prosperous localities of Minnesota. In the work of advancement he has ever borne his part and has long been recognized as one of the valued citizens of the community. The record of this sterling pioneer is as follows:

A native of Tennessee, he was born in Robertson county, on the 31st of January, 1834, and is a son of William Weir. The family was founded in America by three brothers who emigrated from the north of Ireland (their father having been a native of Scotland) at a day when an ocean voyage was attended with considerable danger, and located on Virginia soil, in the days when the Old Dominion was still a colony under the sway of Great Britian. The grandfather of our subject, a native of Ireland, located in Virginia and from that State removed to South Carolina, and subsequently to Kentucky. The father of George A. was born in South Carolina and was a child of only seven summers when with his parents he went to Georgia. He accompanied them to Kentucky and after reaching the age of maturity went to Tennessee, and in the last named State was married to Elizabeth Latimer, daughter of Joseph Latimer, a native of Connecticut and a son of Col. Jonathan Latimer, who with seven sons and two daughters emigrated to Tennessee about the year 1788. He was a Colonel in the Revolutionary war and had eight sons in the service at the time. Joseph's wife bore the maiden name of Anne Dobbins, and her birth occurred in North Carolina. Mrs. Weir was born in Tennessee. Throughout his entire life William Weir carried on agricultural pursuits and at the age of 58 years, after a useful career, passed to his rest. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his strict integrity and sterling worth made him one of nature's noble men. His wife survived him for some time and died in Faribault county, Minnesota, at the age of sixty-seven. They had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, who in order of birth are as follows: James C., Joseph L., John W., Hester A. Ballandi, of Winnebago City township; Susan C., wife of George Hart; George A., of this sketch; David T., Dan P. and Vandelia, who is now keeping house for our subject.

The gentleman of whom we write was reared to manhood upon a farm, spending his days in the usual manner of farmer lads, working in the fields through the summer, while during the school year he pursued his studies. He is now a man of broad general information, and of knowledge acquired through experience, reading and observation. In his earlier years he made a study of surveying and applied himself until he became quite proficient in that line of work. When a young man of twenty-three years he determined to try his fortune in the West, for he believed better opportunities were afforded

young men than in the older and more thickly settled States nearer the Atlantic coast. This led to his emigration to Minnesota in the year 1857, and he cast his lot with the pioneers of Faribault county. He secured a claim on section 23, Winnebago City township, afterward his present farm, and upon the farm which he developed has since made his home,—one of the old-time and highly respected farmers of the neighborhood. With characteristic energy he began to place the barren tract under the plow and prepare for the sowing and reaping of crops, and as earnest and faithful labor is ever rewarded he in course of time reaped his reward in the shape of bounteous harvests of golden grain. Upon the place is now a fine bearing orchard. There are good barns and sheds, a windmill and a tasteful and pleasant residence, which is now within the corporation limits of the village, that has extended its borders until it embraces the farm upon which he settled almost forty years ago.

Mr. Weir is ever busy, devoted to his farming interests, yet he has found time to faithfully discharge all public duties. For about fourteen years he was County Surveyor, his frequent re-election resulting from efficient and faithful service. He was first called to that office in 1860, and his promptness and fidelity to duty won him high commendation. In politics he was formerly a Democrat, but now by his ballot supports the Prohibition party. He was made a Mason at the age of twenty-two, while still in Tennessee, and is now a member of Blue Earth Valley Lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M. He is broad and liberal in his views, accords to others the privileges of upholding their own ideas, and is strong in support of his own convictions. He is frank and warm-hearted, genial and pleasant in manner and honorable in business dealing, and is one of the popular and honored pioneers of Faribault county.

CHARLES PEABODY ANDROSS, a retired farmer, has long been a resident of Martin county, and deserves mention among her early settlers. His connection with the official interests of the community also entitles him to recognition in this volume, and we take pleasure in presenting his life sketch to our readers.

A native of Massachusetts, he was born near Boston,—the hub of the universe,—on the 12th of August, 1822. On the paternal side he is Scotch descent. His grandfather Andross was born in Scotland, and when a young man crossed the briny deep to the New World, locating in Orange county, Vermont, where Mills D. Andross, the father of our subject, was born and reared. He learned the painter's trade, then went to Boston, where he followed that occupation for some time. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Peabody, was a native of the Bay State, and a distant relative of Peabody of the noted bank of England. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Andross was celebrated in Massachusetts, and there they made their home for an extended period, or until the father's death, which occurred about 1825. The mother later took her family to Orange county, Vermont, where she subsequently became the wife of Noah Newell. The children of the first union were C. P., of this sketch, and William, who is living in Union county, Oregon.

Mr. Andross, whose name begins this article, was only two and a half years of age

at the time of his father's death, at which time he was taken by Dr. Hunking, who gave him a home until he was twenty years of age. The Doctor had only two children, and our subject was permitted to obtain a good common-school education, and received fair and kindly treatment. In the year 1843 he emigrated westward, hoping to benefit his financial condition in a country where he had heard better opportunities were afforded than in the older and more thickly settled States of the East. He located in La Porte, Indiana, where for two years he was engaged in clerking in a store, when in 1845 he removed to Rock county, Wisconsin, where he worked by the month on a farm, also engaged in teaming.

In Rock county, on the 27th of March, 1847, Mr. Andross married Miss Elsie A. Dykeman, a native of Schoharie county, New York, born on the 8th of June, 1830, daughter of Cornelius and Julia (Van Wormen) Dykeman. They, too, were natives of the Empire State and became early settlers of the Badger State. Mrs. Andross is their youngest daughter and third child, and she has become the mother of eight children,—G. Frank, who is represented elsewhere in this work; Charles, who is supposed to be dead; Julia, wife of T. J. Williams, an extensive farmer of Faribault county, Minnesota; Mary J., wife of Albert Wise, who carries on agricultural pursuits in the same county; John C., who is living in Center Creek township, Martin county; Hattie, wife of Lewis Becker, also of Center Creek township; Gertie, wife of William Wood, of the same township; and Maud, wife of H. A. Winzenburg, a prominent farmer, living on section 20, Center Creek township.

Upon his marriage Mr. Andross located upon a farm in Rock county, Wisconsin, and in 1850 removed to Washington county, Minnesota, where he made a claim of 200 acres, cultivating it two years. He then sold out and went to Walworth county, Wisconsin, where, by purchase, he obtained possession of 120 acres of land, that constituted his farm until after the breaking out of the Civil war, when he disposed of the property in order to enter his country's service. Alarmed by the attitude of the South and fearful for the stability of the Union, he offered his services for its preservation, and in September, 1861, became a member of Company D, Thirteenth Wisconsin Infantry. He enlisted as a private, but was promoted to the rank of Sergeant before the company was organized, in which work he assisted. He served for three years and fifty-six days, and then received an honorable discharge at Nashville, Tennessee, in November, 1864. Among the brave boys in blue he was always found, faithful to the old flag and the cause it represented.

Mr. Andross at once returned to the North and again bought a farm in Walworth county, Wisconsin, which he conducted until 1866, when he bought a farm in Martin county, Minnesota,—a tract of 160 acres of land on sections 29 and 32, Center Creek township. About thirty acres had been placed under the plow, and the only improvements upon the place were a small house 12 x 22 feet and a straw barn. There was not a tree or bush, and the farm did not present the pleasant attractive appearance which to-day characterizes it. The boundaries have been extended until it comprises 200 acres, and the fine improvements which have been added stand as monuments to the thrift and enterprise of the owner. He is now living retired and rents his land, while he is enjoying a well earned rest.

Mr. Andross exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has been honored with offices of trust. For seven years he served as County Commissioner, elected for three successive terms, was also Town Treasurer and for thirteen years Town Assessor. He has long been officially connected with the schools of the neighborhood, and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart advocate. Socially Mr. Andross is connected with Phil Kearny Post, No. 18, G. A. R.

A. F. HOWARD, editor and proprietor of the Wells Advocate, arrived here in 1890. He was born in Lavalle, Sauk county, Wisconsin, August 4, 1861, a son of Harry Howard, who was born in Pennsylvania, in 1831, reared and educated there, and in 1853 moved to Lavalle, where he followed farming. In 1865 he removed to Goodhue county, Minnesota; in 1872 to Marshall, this State, where he died, January 28, 1890; his wife also is deceased.

Mr. A. F. Howard, one of their four children, was brought up to farm life, receiving a common-school education. At the age of eighteen years he was employed in the printing-office of the Messenger at Marshall. Afterward he conducted the Canby (Minnesota) News until 1890, when he came to Wells and purchased the Advocate.

He was married at Canby, to Miss Lena Michaelson, of that place, and his children are Millie and Ethel. He is a member of Lodge No. 39, A. O. U. W. Mr. Howard is a zealous and efficient worker in the interests of Wells and vicinity, ably conducting the Advocate. He knows that the people want news, wit and instruction, and supplies what they want.

NELSON GLEASON, who carries on general farming on section 21, Nashville township, Martin county, was born in Genesee county (now Wyoming county) New York, September 30, 1816, descending from good old Revolutionary stock. His grandfather, Moses Gleason, a native of Connecticut and of Irish descent, aided the Colonies in their struggle for independence, and the maternal grandfather was also a soldier in the Revolution, serving for seven years under the immediate command of Washington. He, too, was a native of the Nutmeg State. The parents of our subject, Thomas R. and Martha (Holliday) Gleason, were both natives of Connecticut, and were married on the Holland purchase, where they located and made their home until 1836, when they removed to Kendall county, Illinois, where the father secured a forty-acre farm. His last days were passed in Lapeer county, Michigan, where he died at the advanced age of eighty years. His wife departed this life in Illinois, having reached the age of sixty years. Their family numbered fourteen children, thirteen of whom grew up to manhood or womanhood, while four are supposed to be yet living.

Our subject is the third child and son. He remained under the parental roof until fourteen years of age, when he started out in life for himself, working as a farm hand by the month and paying his father for his time out of his earnings. When a young man of twenty years he left the Empire State and made his way to Clinton county, Michigan,

where he again worked as a farm hand. He purchased forty acres of land in Eaton county, Michigan, and retained possession of it for seventeen years before locating upon it.

On the 14th of February, 1846, Mr. Gleason was united in marriage with Miss Mary Teman, a native of Dutchess county, New York. She was born March 20, 1821, and is the youngest child of a family of three sons and two daughters, whose parents were William and Maria (Pitcher) Teman, the former a native of Germany and the latter of New York. Soon after his marriage the young couple located on the forty-acre farm before mentioned, and for fourteen years made it their home, removing thence to Illinois, where they resided for three years. On the expiration of that period they came to Martin county, and Mr. Gleason secured the farm upon which they now live. It was all raw prairie, but he at once began to improve it and made a good home for his family. The pioneer dwelling was blessed with the presence of seven children, three sons and four daughters, namely: Loraine, now deceased; Addie, now the wife of John Brady, of Martin county; William, who died at the age of two years; Betsy A., wife of Lester Dann, of Martin county; Thomas R.; Wilber N.; Dora, wife of Samuel Boler, of Martin county.

Mr. Gleason is one of the oldest settlers of Martin county and one of the first to make a permanent home in Nashville township. In those days the family, numbering nine members, including Mrs. Gleason's mother, lived in a little sod and board shanty. He now has a well developed farm of eighty acres, and though he passed through all the hardships and difficulties of pioneer life, he overcame the obstacles in his path and worked his way upward to a position among the substantial citizens of the community. In his political views he is a Prohibitionist and an earnest worker for the temperance cause.

HANS GILBERTSON, a lumber dealer of Wells, was born in eastern Norway on the 15th of January, 1846, and is one of a family of twelve children, nine of whom are yet living, the others being Ole, who makes his home in Alexandria, Minnesota; Marie, wife of Albert Johnson, of Madison, Wisconsin; Andrew, who is living in Wells; Bertha, wife of George Jurgenson, who is located in Freeborn county, Minnesota; Iver, a resident of Fillmore county, Minnesota; and Martin, Laura and Gilbrand, who are living in Norway. The parents are still in their native land, and both have reached the age of seventy-eight years. The family is probably noted for longevity, for the grandfather died when past the very advanced age of ninety years.

When quite young Mr. Gilbertson, of this sketch, began working at the carpenter's trade, and followed it in the land of his birth until twenty years of age, when in 1866 he bade adieu to home and friends and sailed for the "land of the free." He did not tarry long on the eastern coast, but made his way across the country to Dane county, Wisconsin, where, however, he remained but a short time. He then came to Minnesota, locating in Fillmore county, where he continued for a year, at which time he removed to Austin, which was his place of abode for a year and a half. In September, 1869, he became a resident of Wells and has since been identified with its interests. Here he resumed work at his trade which he followed

successfully for seven years and on all sides stand evidences of his handiwork. He was the architect and builder of a number of the best residences in this place, also erected the Methodist church and the second school building which was built here. He has seen the growth of Wells from a hamlet containing only three shanties, and has been an important factor in its progress, both in the line of his trade and otherwise. In the year 1876 he became identified with the lumber industry as agent for C. D. Colman and is now successfully devoting his time and attention to work along that line. He has managed his affairs in a capable manner and is now one of the substantial business men of Wells.

On the 15th of June, 1872, Mr. Gilbertson was united in marriage with Miss P. Ensrud, a native of Norway, who came to this country in 1866 with her father's family. Ole Ensrud died in Wells in 1893, at the age of seventy-seven years; and his wife, the mother of Mrs. Gilbertson, is now living in Freeborn county, this State. She is the mother of eight children, six of whom are yet living. Both Mr. and Mr. Gilbertson are widely known in this community and have many warm friends who hold them in high esteem for their many excellencies of character, while their true worth and intelligence have served them as passports in introducing them into the best society.

In his political views Mr. Gilbertson is a stalwart Republican, earnestly advocating the principles of his party and in local affairs he is a leader. He has frequently been called to office, having served as a member of the City Council, while for many years he has been prominently connected with the educational interests. He has long served on the School Board, and at this writing is its president and largely through his instrumentality the schools of Wells have been raised to their present high standard. Whatever tends to advance the public welfare or to aid in the work of progress and upbuilding receives his hearty support and co-operation, and Faribault county numbers him among its valued citizens. From boyhood he has been a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, to the support of which he contributes liberally, and it was largely through his instrumentality that the present house of worship in Wells was erected. Mr. Gilbertson came to this country with the hope of bettering his financial condition, and in this hope has not been disappointed, for prosperity has attended his well directed efforts, and, although not a wealthy man, he is the possessor of a comfortable competence. Highly esteemed by all who know him, he is a credit both to the land of his birth and the land of his adoption.

JOHN MURRAY HINTON, a retired farmer who has long resided in Martin county and now makes his home on section 10, Nashville township, is deserving of mention in this volume, and we feel assured that the record of his life will be received with interest by our readers, for he has many friends throughout the community.

A native of the Keystone State, Mr. Hinton was born in Erie county, on the 1st of July, 1836, and is a son of William Hinton, a native of South Wales, who came to America in 1801, when about fourteen years of age, with his brothers, Thomas and Griffin. They located in Erie county, where he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for some years. He and his brothers

all served their adopted country in the war of 1812. He wedded Mary D. Jones, who was born in North Wales in 1808, and when about twenty years of age came to America with her sister Jane Jones, locating first in New York city and removing thence to Erie county, Pennsylvania. They were married in 1832, and in 1844 emigrated to Wisconsin, locating in Waukesha county, which was their place of abode until 1854, at which time they removed to Waushara county. In 1864 they became residents of Brown county, Minnesota, where the father died at the age of seventy-seven years, while the mother passed away when seventy-three years of age. Of their family, numbering four sons and four daughters, all grew to manhood or womanhood, and were married, namely: Robert B., of Renville county, Minnesota; John M.; Ann, who died in 1858; Jane, wife of Levi Burch of Nashville township; Ellen, wife of Silas Blackman, who is located in Cottonwood county, Minnesota; Henry C., of Nashville township, Martin county; William B., who is living in the same township; and Mary, wife of Philip Jackson, who makes his home in Oregon.

In taking up the personal history of J. M. Hinton we present to our readers the life record of one who is both widely and favorably known in this community and whose example is well worthy of emulation, a fact which justifies the compilation of such a volume. He was about eight years of age when, with his parents, he went to Wisconsin, and from the age of nine years he has practically made his way in the world unaided. He was cast upon his own resources and therefore deserves great credit for the success which he has achieved. He began working as a farm hand by the month, and in consequence his educational privileges were very meager, he attending school for only about six months. At the age of fourteen he began working on the lakes under Captain Truesdell, and was with him on Lake Michigan and on the Lower Fox river for about seven years. He was first employed as fireman, and when he quit the lakes held the rank of second mate. His wages were given to his parents to aid in their support until he had attained his majority. His early career was one of hard labor, in which there were very few idle moments. Even after his marriage he worked for $5 a month and chopped stove wood for $.20 per cord and hauled it three miles.

On the 21st of August, 1862, Mr. Hinton donned the blue and went to the front to aid in the preservation of the Union. He was assigned to Company G, Thirtieth Wisconsin Infantry, in which he served until the 18th of January, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, on account of physical disability, and was confined in the hospital for some time. He was engaged in Indian warfare most of the time, and on provost duty and in building forts, and though he took part in none of the noted battles of the war his service was none the less arduous,—in fact was the more difficult, for the Confederate soldiers practiced the tactics of war known to civilized nations, while the red men employed their own strategic and wily methods.

Mr. Hinton at once returned to his home in Martin county and has since resided upon the farm which is yet his home. He was married on the 8th of April, 1858, to Miss Sarah J. Bacon, who was born in Morris township, Livingston county, New York, March 9, 1842. Her father, George W. Bacon, was

born in Vermont and for many years resided in New York, where he was married. He was a carpenter by trade, and in 1851 emigrated to Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and in 1856 removed to Marquette county, that State. In 1863 he came to Martin county, Minnesota, and located upon the farm which is now the home of our subject, and on which he spent his last days, his death occurring when he had reached the ripe old age of eighty-three years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Jemima Sparks, was born and reared in the Empire State, and died at the home of her daughter at the age of eighty-two. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon had a family of eight children, two sons and six daughters, all of whom reached mature years except one daughter, Fidelia, who died at the age of five years. Mrs. Hinton is the sixth child of the family, and was a little maiden of seven summers when the family went to Wisconsin, where she was reared and married. From the time she was married she had to work for her own living. Her father was one of the first settlers of Martin county, and both he and his wife were prominent members of the Freewill Baptist Church, as were also the parents of Mr. Hinton.

To our subject and his wife have been born three children,—two sons and a daughter, viz.: George H., who married Susie Bottomly and follows farming in Nashville township, Martin county; William A., who married Miss Minnie Hall and in connection with L. A. Smith is proprietor of a general store and also extensively engaged in farming: is now serving as the efficient Postmaster of Nashville Center, and also Town Clerk and Notary Public; Eva is the wife of J. H. Schofield, a leading and influential agriculturist of Martin county.

In his business dealings Mr. Hinton has won a well deserved success. He is sagacious and farsighted, and by systematic business methods and well directed efforts he has become one of the substantial citizens of this community and the owner of 240 acres of rich land, all of which is under a high state of cultivation and well improved. Laying aside business cares and living a retired life, he now rents his farm. His duties of citizenship have never been slighted, and he is actively interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and its upbuilding. In his political views he is a stanch Republican, a firm believer in the principles of his party, but has never sought office and has never served except as Justice of the Peace, a position which was forced upon him. In the various walks of life his career would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, and under the search-light of truth no flaws could be detected. Throughout his entire life he has been a very strict temperance man, never tasting any intoxicants, and thus by example as well as precept he teaches a temperance lesson. He is an active worker in the Freewill Baptist Church, is chairman of the Church Board, and contributes liberally to the support of the gospel. The poor and needy find in him a friend and the distressed receive his hearty sympathy. Thus he makes Christianity a part of his life and not a garment to be donned on the day set apart for worship.

JAMES HENRY HAND, a farmer of section 26, East Chain township, was born in Clinton county, New York, February 15, 1850, a son of Stephen Hand, a native also of that State, and a farmer by occupation. His father, Stephen

Leonard Goldsmith

Hand, was born in New York, of Dutch descent. The mother of our subject, *nee* Amanda Ackerson, was a native of Vermont, but was reared in Clinton county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Hand were the parents of three sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to years of maturity, the youngest son having died at the age of fifteen years.

James H. Hand, the eldest child in order of birth, remained in his native place until twenty years of age. In 1870 he came to Martin county, Minnesota, where he worked by the month at farm labor, and immediately after his marriage he located on the farm he now owns, consisting of 280 acres. In political matters Mr. Hand is a stanch Republican. He is serving his fourth term as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of East Chain township, has been Assessor of his township, and has been a number of years a member of the School Board.

In May, 1875, Mr. Hand was united in marriage with Emily Cordill, born in Miami county, Indiana, February 2, 1857, a daughter of J. W. and Harriett (Whitman) Cordill, natives respectively of Indiana and Ohio. Mrs. Hand, the eldest of their ten children, was reared in Indiana until eight years of age, then removed with her parents to Fillmore county, Minnesota, one year afterward to Faribault county, and then came to Martin county. Mr. and Mrs. Hand have three children,—Hattie, Perry and Eva.

LEONARD GOLDSMITH, a farmer of section 18, Rolling Green township, was born in Chemung county, New York, July 9, 1835, a son of Brewster and Sarah (Shoemaker) Goldsmith, the former a native of New York, of English descent, and the latter of Scotch-Irish descent. They spent their entire lives in New York. Leonard, one of nine children, eight now living, remained in his native place until twenty-one years of age. He then went to Indiana, in the following spring removed to Iowa, returned to Indiana, and in 1858 located on wild land in Faribault county, Minnesota.

November 1, 1861, Mr. Goldsmith enlisted for service in the late war, entering the second company which left Minnesota. They were sent to St. Louis and attached to Curtis' regiment of cavalry, of which our subject was appointed saddler, and they remained at Fort Henry after its surrender. Eleven months afterward the company was merged into the Fifth Iowa Cavalry, Company I, took part in the battles of Guy's Gap and Sugar Creek, operated at Forts Hymen and Donelson until May or June, then went to Murfreesboro, under General Crook, and in November, 1864, re-enlisted for service. After a thirty-days' furlough he was transferred to Brackett's battalion, and served two years and five months on the plains against the Indians, participating in two battles. While in West Tennessee Mr. Goldsmith was severely wounded by falling from his horse. He was honorably discharged June 1, 1866, having served four years, seven months and one day.

From the fall of 1866 until the spring of 1869, he was employed in the woods of Wisconsin, and in 1870 located on his farm of 180 acres. Mr. Goldsmith acts with the Republican party, and has held the position of Supervisor of this township. Socially, he is a member of Phil Kearny Post, No. 18, G. A. R., of Fairmont.

December 24, 1873, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Emma J. Good-

fellow, born in Onondaga county, New York, June 15, 1852, a daughter of Ezra and Elizabeth (Launders) Goodfellow, natives of Syracuse, that State. From 1853 to 1862 they resided in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, from that time until 1880 were residents of Martin county, Minnesota, and since that time have resided in Holt county, Nebraska. They have had seven children, three now living. One son, Levi C., died from starvation at Andersonville prison. Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith also have seven children, namely: Ezra Curtis, Sarah E. (wife of Joseph Ralph), Nora Inez, Millie May, Leonard Guy and Lyman Roy (twins) and Cora Dell.

GEORGE WASHINGTON GARRISON, a farmer of section 3, Pleasant Prairie township, was born in Tioga county, New York, January 7, 1831, a son of D. C. and Cynthia (Wood) Garrison, natives also of that State. They were married in their native State, and were the parents of eight children, five daughters and three sons.

G. W. Garrison, the sixth child of the above family, moved with his parents to Tompkins county, New York, where he was early inured to farm labor. After reaching his majority, about 1857, he located in Marquette county, Wisconsin, where he operated a threshing-machine until 1860, then spent a short time in Faribault county, Minnesota, and then returned to Buffalo, New York. In 1863 Mr. Garrison came again to this State, and in the following year purchased a claim in Pleasant Prairie township, where he still resides. May 21, 1893, his house and barns were destroyed by a cyclone, the former having been only just completed. His farm contains 320 acres, and he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. Mr. Garrison is a carpenter by trade, and has erected many of the buildings in Martin county.

In 1864 our subject enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company G, Sixty-fourth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the struggle. He affiliates with the Republican party, and has served as a member of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Garrison was married in Buffalo, New York, in 1862, to Ellen Russell, who was born in Washington county. To this union has been born five sons and two daughters, namely: Clinton, Clarence, George, Fredrick, Nellie (wife of Ed Schleninger, of Pleasant Prairie township), Franklin and Emma.

ALBERT NUTT, a prominent farmer of section 26, East Chain township, was born in Clinton county, New York, September 9, 1856, the youngest of four children of George and Electa (Ackerson) Nutt, natives also of that State. Albert came with his parents to Martin county, Minnesota, at the age of nine years, and at the age of eighteen years began work for himself. The following year he began farming on rented land in Pleasant Prairie township, Martin county. After his marriage he settled on the place he now owns, then wild land. Mr. Nutt's farm of 194 acres is now under a fine state of cultivation, has also erected a good residence and barns, and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising.

In 1873 he was united in marriage with Rose Clemmings, born and reared in Illinois,

and a daughter of Matthew and Lanay Clemmings. Mr. Nutt is a Republican in political matters.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN EDWARDS, a prominent old settler and farmer of Fairmont township, Martin county, residing on section 20, was born in Jefferson county, New York, December 14, 1834. The family is of Welsh origin and was founded in America by the grandfather of our subject. Pierpont Edwards, the father, was born in Jefferson county and became a carpenter and joiner, following that trade for a number of years. He married Miranda Wheeler, a native of Vermont, whose father was born in Scotland. The parents of our subject celebrated their marriage in the county of his nativity, and located there. In 1839 they removed to Painesville, Lake county, Ohio, where they made their home for seven years. Removing thence to DeKalb county, Illinois, they located at Paw Paw, where their remaining days were passed, each being called to the home beyond when seventy-four years of age. They were the parents of three sons, all of whom are yet living: Orrin, who is living in La Salle county, Illinois; Edward, who makes his home in Parsons, Kansas; and W. F., who completes the family.

The gentleman whose name heads this record was a child of only five summers when with his parents he left the Empire State and went to Ohio. At the age of twelve years he became a resident of Illinois, and in Paw Paw he attended school,—his privileges, however, being somewhat limited. He remained under the parental roof, and to his father gave the benefit of his services until he had attained his majority, when he started out for himself, following the occupation to which he had been reared.

In 1857 Mr. Edwards was united in marriage, in De Kalb county, Illinois, with Miss Harriett Newton, who was born and spent her maidenhood days in Ottawa, Illinois. They began their domestic life upon a farm in the county where the wedding was celebrated, and resided there until 1872, Mr. Edwards successfully cultivating his land and placing it in an excellent condition. At length he decided to try his fortune beyond the Mississippi and in 1872 came to Minnesota, settling in Martin county, where he has since made his home, —one of the progressive and valued citizens of the community. He purchased a farm on Silver Lake, comprising 200 acres of good land, which at that time was mostly in its primitive condition. At the time of his purchase a log cabin was the only building upon the farm, and the place bore little resemblance to the present highly cultivated farm which we see to-day with its well tilled fields, substantial buildings, well-kept fences, improved machinery and all the other accessories and improvements found upon a model farm of the nineteenth century. There Mr. Edwards resided until 1886, when he sold the property and removed to Fairmont, where he has since lived retired. He now owns 132 acres of land, surrounding his home, but expects to sell this property soon.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have been born two children, a son and daughter: Cora, now the wife of John K. Tanner, who is living in Fairmont; Edward, who is engaged in the drug business in Fairmont and is also serving as Alderman.

Our subject supports the men and measures of the Democracy and served as Clerk of Lake township for many years, discharging his duties in a capable manner, in no wise betraying the trust reposed in him. He belongs to Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., and is held in the highest regard in the order and by all who know him, for he possesses many excellencies of character. His life has been well and worthily passed, devoted to his various duties, and his close attention to his business interests, his capable management, unflagging diligence and his commendable perseverance have won him a well merited success, which now enables him to live retired,—enjoying the rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

ELI SISSON, an early pioneer, and a prominent farmer of section 28, East Chain township, Martin county, was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1838, a son of Putman Sisson, a native of New York and a farmer by occupation. His father, Aaron Sisson, was of English descent. The mother of our subject was formerly Sally M. Mariman, born and reared in New York, and of Scotch descent. Putman and Sally Sisson were married in New York, and located on a farm in Erie county, Pennsylvania, where the latter died. Mr. Sisson came to Minnesota about 1867, locating on a homestead in East Chain township, Martin county, where his death occurred in 1879. They had eleven children, ten of whom grew to years of maturity. By his second marriage Mr. Sisson had four children.

Eli Sisson, the subject of this sketch, remained at home until twenty-one years of age, when he found employment in a sawmill. He came to Martin county, Minnesota, in 1868, purchasing a partially improved claim in section 7, East Chain township, all of which is now under a fine state of cultivation. When he came here only about nine or ten families resided in the township.

In 1862 our subject enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company B, 145th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and took part in the battles of Gettysburg, Fredricksburg, and many other smaller engagements. He was wounded in the left wrist by a minie ball at the battle of Gettysburg, and, after spending some time in the hospital, was transferred to the Sixth Regiment, Veteran Reserves, in which he remained until the close of the struggle, receiving his discharge at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1865.

Mr. Sisson supports the Republican party, and has served as Supervisor many years and as Assessor of East Chain township two years.

DANIEL WEBSTER WILKINS, a prominent farmer of section 6, East Chain Lake township, was born in Columbia county, Wisconsin, December 12, 1855, a son of Alden Wilkins, born in Vermont in 1815. When a young man he located in White Water, Wisconsin, and was there married to Mariah Harris, born and reared in Fort Edward, New York. About 1846 Mr. Wilkins located on a farm in Columbia county, Wisconsin, but in 1853 sold that place and removed to Columbus, that county, and subsequently returned to White Water. In 1861 he enlisted in Company I, Thirteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and in 1864, at the close of his term

of service, he re-enlisted in the same company, in which he served until his death, March 3, 1865. He was buried at Huntsville, Alabama. Mrs. Wilkins survived until 1879, dying at the age of fifty-three years. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Lucy, wife of Henry Flory, of Michigan; Edgar, of Colby, Wisconsin; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of John Root; Emily, wife of Thomas Lowe, of Fairmont township; Alice, wife of Milo Leffingwell, of Fairmont; Daniel W., the subject of this sketch; Lewis, a painter at Chicago, Illinois; and George, engaged in the same occupation in that city.

Daniel W. Wilkins remained with his parents until twelve years of age, receiving his education in the common schools and at the Columbus high school. He then began work for himself, at farm labor, and spent seven years with one man. For four years after his marriage he resided on a large farm near Janesville, Wisconsin. In 1882 he came to Martin county, Minnesota, locating on his present farm of 220 acres, which now contains all the modern farm improvements.

In political matters, Mr. Wilkins affiliates with the Republican party. In 1888 he was elected to the position of County Commissioner, but would not accept the second nomination. He was Chairman of the town Board of Supervisors from 1882 to 1888, was Township Assessor three years, and for many years was a member of the School Board.

January 22, 1878, our subject was united in marriage with Florence Westinghouse, born in Walworth county, Wisconsin, June 11, 1857, a daughter of John and Laura (Potter) Westinghouse, natives of Vermont, but early pioneers of Wisconsin. Mrs. Wilkins is a cousin of the gentleman who invented and patented the Westinghouse air-brake. She was reared in her native place, receiving her education in the college at Allen's Grove, and taught school three terms. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins have three children,—Tracy, Leola and Gladys.

REV. ALEXANDER CLENDENING, an early pioneer in Martin county, was born in Sheldon township, Franklin county, Vermont, November 24, 1824, a son of John Clendening, a native of Ireland and of Scotch descent. He came to America when a young man, locating in Quebec, Canada, for a short time, and afterward removed to Vermont. He was a carpenter and farmer by occupation. Mr. Clendening was married in Ireland to Ann McCussick, who was born and reared in that country. Her death occurred at the age of forty-eight years. Mr. Clendening lived to the age of seventy years. They were the parents of six children, the subject of this sketch being the eldest of the family.

A. Clendening was reared in his native place, where he first attended the common schools, and attended a course of lectures on the sciences given by Prof. Mitchell, of St. Louis, Missouri. After studying law and medicine for a time he began work at the millwright's trade in Indiana. In 1860 Mr. Clendening went to Canada on a visit, and in the spring of 1861 he located in Jackson county, Minnesota. After the dreadful massacre there he went to Estherville, Emmet county, Iowa. In the spring of 1864 came to Martin county, Minnesota, and in the following fall located on his present farm of 154 acres. He erected the East Chain mill in 1864. In political mat-

ters Mr. Clendening is independent. At one time he took an active part in political meetings, having made many stump speeches. He has served as Justice of the Peace, and is now Clerk of his school district, having assisted in building the schoolhouse located on his farm, and also assisted in the erection of three other schools.

In November, 1862, Mr. Clendening was united in marriage with Mariah A. Baker, born in Steuben county, New York, July 8, 1825, a daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Slyter) Baker, natives also of that State, the father of English and the mother of Holland Dutch descent.

Our subject served as a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church about six years. October 10, 1875, he was ordained as an Elder in the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Minnesota, and was actively engaged in ministerial work until within a few years past. He was one of the first ministers in the church, the oldest resident minister in Martin county, and one of the oldest Wesleyan ministers in Southern Minnesota.

BENJAMIN F. FORBES, whose post-office address is Winnebago City, Minnesota, is one of the early settlers of Faribault county. He was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1831. His father, B. F. Forbes, Sr., was a native of Middlebury, Vermont, and his grandfather, Frank Forbes, was born in Massachusetts. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Julia Nims. She was born in Chautauqua county, New York, daughter of Rual Nims. Her grandfather Nims was a soldier in the war of 1812. The Forbes family removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and for some time made their home in Geauga county. Later they located in Racine county, Wisconsin, at Burlington, and in 1857 came to Faribault county, Minnesota. Here the mother died in 1863. The father survived her until 1881, when he passed away, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a tanner and shoemaker by trade, and led an exemplary Christian life, being a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had eight children,—B. F., C. H., Julia, Lotta, Mary, Florence, Theodore and Emma. Florence is deceased.

B. F. Forbes was reared on a farm, and and has been a resident of Minnesota since 1857, when he came to Faribault county with the rest of the family. August 17, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Ninth Minnesota Infantry, and went to the front, being with the forces that operated in the West. In May, 1865, he was honorably discharged, with the rank of Corporal, and came home.

Mr. Forbes settled on his present farm in Verona township in 1880. Here he and his son have 160 acres of fine land, well improved. He has a comfortable cottage home, a barn 46 x 56 feet in dimensions, an orchard and a grove of native trees. From the residence is obtained a fine view of the college and Winnebago City.

Mr. Forbes married Miss Sophrona Williams, daughter of T. J. Williams, and they have four children, namely: Dudley J.; Charles H., who is in partnership with his father in farming operations; George A., attending college; and Fred E. They lost two children, Edwin and Lucy, who died at the ages of fifteen and sixteen years respectively.

Politically Mr. Forbes is a Prohibitionist,

and is a man who keeps well posted on the topics of the day. He has served as Township Clerk and Treasurer.

JOHN BOYCE, a farmer of section 30, Rutland township, Martin county, is a son of Elijah and Betsey (Scott) Boyce, natives of New York, the former born September 13, 1801, and the latter born March 2, 1808. They were married August 5, 1825, and spent the remainder of their lives at Lisbon, St. Lawrence county, New York. The father died October 28, 1853, and the mother May 23, 1854. They were the parents of eight children,—William E., Eliza (deceased), George, Samuel, Ira, John, Charles and Mary. Three of the sons were soldiers in the Civil war,—Samuel, Charles and John.

John Boyce, the subject of this sketch, was born at Lisbon, New York, April 3, 1840, where he was reared and educated. He was left an orphan in early life, and was obliged to work for his own living. In 1860 he located in La Crosse county, Wisconsin, and September 6th of the following year enlisted in the First Wisconsin Battery of Light Artillery, was sent to Louisville, thence to Lexington and Cumberland Gap and into East Tennessee, participating in the battle of Tazewell. At Cumberland Gap he was obliged to live on half rations for one month, and owing to lack of provisions they were obliged to vacate the place. Mr. Boyce next went to Greenupsburg, Kentucky, and Gallipolis, Ohio; was with General Cox on Kanawha river in November, 1862, thence went to Cincinnati and Memphis, and in December, 1862, was with General Sherman in the attack on Vicksburg. Mr. Boyce also took part in the battle of Chickasaw Bluff. He went by steamer to Arkansas Post, where his Battery assisted in capturing 6,000 prisoners and eleven cannon. January 11, 1863, they went thence to Young's Point and camped till March 1st; then to Milliken's Bend; then joined Grant's army and marched south to a point opposite of Grand Gulf, and witnessed the battle at that place between the gunboats and the fort; took part in the battles of Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hill, Edward's Station, Black River, in the siege of Vicksburg, which lasted forty-seven days, and after the surrender of that place went under Sherman and besieged Jackson, and after the capture of that city returned to Vicksburg, and then went to New Orleans, where he spent two months in a hospital. The battery remained in that city during the winter, then went up the Red river by steamboat as far as Alexandria and crossed the country to join General Banks; then returned to Alexandria, and, going east to the Mississippi, took part in the battle of Yellow Bayou. They next went to Baton Rouge, on an expedition for a few days, and then returned, took barracks at that place, and later went to New Orleans, and from there to New York by steamship, having in charge about 250 prisoners. Mr. Boyce received his discharge at Madison, Wisconsin, in October, 1864, and in January of the following year came to Martin county, Minnesota, and homesteaded his present farm. This locality was then sparsely settled. His farm now contains about 300 acres, all of which is under a fine state of cultivation.

Mr. Boyce was married March 10, 1868, to Hannah E. Rutherford, born in St. Lawrence county, New York, August 20, 1840, a daughter of William and Mary

(Dawley) Rutherford, natives respectively of Scotland and England. They came to this country when young, and were married in St. Lawrence county, New York, where they improved a new farm. The father was born August 21, 1812, died January 15, 1879. The mother was born August 5, 1818, and died March 24, 1891. They were the parents of ten children,—Hannah E., Mary A., Joseph, Sarah J., William D., Margaret, Thomas, Isabel, Nettie and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Boyce received her education at Ogdensburg Academy, and afterward taught school six terms in St. Lawrence county. Our subject and wife had five children, namely: Ella May, born January 5, 1869, is the wife of George Bullock, clerk of Fraser township; William R., born June 4, 1870, married Lillie Osborn; Irving John, born January 22, 1872; Nettie Belle, born August 21, 1873, died September 19, 1873; and Addie E,, born August 17, 1879. They have all taught school except the youngest. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fairmont; Irving is now president of the Epworth League, and William is the present chairman of Rutland. Mr. Boyce affiliates with the Republican party, and has served as Supervisor, Chairman, Treasurer and Justice of the Peace of his township. In his social relations, he is a member of Phil. Kearny Post, G. A. R., and Mrs. Boyce is a member of the W. R. C.

FREDERICK ARTHUR BRYANT PATERSON is one of the leading and influential business men,—prominent in commercial circles. He was born in the county of Surrey, England, on the 1st of January, 1853, descending from some of the most illustrious and noble houses of his native land. His is of the 25th descent from William, the Conqueror, 20th from Robert Bruce, King of Scotland, 15th descent from the Plantagenets, 13th descent from the House of Stuarts, 5th from Earl of Kilmarnock Boyd, and 2d from Porterfields of that ilk. The grandfather of our subject, John Floyd Paterson, was a native of England and served as Major General in the East India service, while his father, Captain Frederick Thomas Paterson, was also born in the same country and won his title in the East India war.

The gentleman whose name heads this record was a matriculated student in King's College, London,—general literature and sciences,—and when his literary education was completed he entered the Internal Revenue Department, Somerset House, of his native land, being therein employed for a period of four years. At length he determined to seek a home this side the Atlantic, and in 1875 boarded a westward bound steamer, Scythia, of the Cunard line, which carried him safely to American shores. He did not tarry long in the East, but came at once to Minnesota, locating in Fairmont, near where he purchased a farm, continuing its development and improvement for a period of eight years. Preferring, however, to give his time and energies to other pursuits, he sought and obtained a position as assistant cashier in the Martin County Bank. After two years spent in that way he was promoted to the cashiership and served in that capacity for seven years with credit to himself and satisfaction of all concerned. He was a popular and safe bank officer and did much for the prosperity of the institution. In the year 1892 he retired from the bank and embarked in the real-estate and insurance business in connection

Hon. Edwin Berry and Wife.

with C. N. Peterson, under the firm name of Peterson & Paterson, and the connection still exists.

In the year 1873 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Paterson and Miss Marie E. Forde, daughter of Colonel William Forde, a native of Devonshire, England. She is a lady of culture and refinement, highly educated, having completed her studies in a private school, and for eleven years she successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Fairmont. Her ability was widely recognized, as is indicated by her long connection with the schools of this place.

In his political views Mr. Paterson is a Democrat, and has served as Court Commissioner and as Justice of the Peace, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He is a member of the Odd Fellows society, holding his membership in the Fairmont Lodge, No. 70, I. O. O. F. In connection with his other business interests he is Secretary of the Fairmont Elevator Company, President of the Board of Trade, Treasurer of the Fairmont Building and Loan Association, President of the Martin County Agricultural Society, and in 1893 he was made and is still acting as Director of the Martin County State Bank. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, and his careful management and well directed efforts have not only brought him success but have also won him a prominent place in business matters.

HON. EDWIN BERRY, who is now living on a farm on section 32, Fraser township, Martin county, has been prominently connected with the political and religious history of this community for some time and is an important factor in the upbuilding and development of this locality. His prominence and influence make him widely known, and we feel assured that many will receive with interest this record of his life.

He comes of an old New England family that was probably founded in this country at an early day in the history of the Colonies. His parents, Alonzo and Annise (Leonard) Berry, were both natives of Vermont, and after their marriage removed to Franklin county, New York, thence to Cattaraugus county of the same State, where their last days were passed. The father was a farmer and followed that occupation throughout his entire life. He served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812. Seven children graced their union, five sons and two daughters, but only three sons are now living,—Alonzo, Edwin and Milo.

Edwin Berry was born on the 5th of July, 1825, in Cattaraugus county, New York, and was there reared to manhood, the days of his boyhood and youth being passed midst play and work like that of most boys. The common schools afforded him his educational privileges, but extensive reading, study and observation have added greatly to his knowledge; and, possessing an observing eye and retentive memory, he has made himself one of the best informed men in this section of Minnesota.

In 1846 Mr. Berry was united in marriage with Miss Caroline W. Simmons, who was born in Chenango county, New York, on the 17th of March, 1827, and is a daughter of Samuel and Statira (Simons) Simmons, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Connecticut. Her parents, after some years' residence in New York, removed to Jefferson, Wisconsin, where both

the father and mother died. In their family were seven children, three sons and four daughters, of whom one son and the daughters are yet living, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth West, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Catherine Beach, Mrs. Marion Newton and Joseph L. Two sons of the family served in the Civil war, —the one just named and Rodolphus, now deceased.

In the year of their marriage Mr. Berry removed with his young wife to Wisconsin, settling in Waukesha county, where for twenty-one years he engaged in farming. He was one of the pioneer settlers of that locality, and, as in all communities where he has lived, he took an active and commendable interest in everything pertaining to its welfare and was recognized as a valued citizen. His labors as an agriculturist were interrupted in 1864 by his enlistment in the service of his country. In August of that year he joined Company I, Forty-third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served with the rank of Corporal. After a few months his health failed him, he was sent to the hospital, and in May, 1865, he was honorably discharged. The following year he came to Martin county, Minnesota, and settled on section 34, Fraser township. He prepared himself for the practice of medicine, but feeling that the soul and not the body of man was most in need of his ministrations he entered the ministry. He began preaching about 1856, and in 1858 was ordained as a preacher of the Baptist faith by Rev. Richard Carey, Rev. J. E. Davis, Rev. J. G. Hull, and Rev. J. R. Pope. For twenty-seven years he was engaged in active work as a pastor and evangelist, but failing health at length forced him to retire from the active ministry. Since that time he has given his time to agricultural pursuits,—and finding the outdoor exercise beneficial. In 1884 he removed to his present farm, where he is now quietly living,—an honored and respected citizen, who has the good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

To Mr. and Mrs. Berry have been born two children, yet living, as follows: Wells, who married Ida Ryder and is living in Fraser township with his wife and adopted daughter, Hattie R.; Eugene, who also resides in Fraser township, and married Annie Roe, and they have four children. The sons were provided with good educational advantages and thus were fitted for the practical and responsible duties of life, and are worthy citizens of Martin county.

Mr. Berry belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, but has never been connected to any extent with civic societies. In his political views he is a Republican and has been honored with public positions of trust and importance. In 1872 he was nominated and elected on an independent ticket to a seat in the House of Representatives of Minnesota, and so well and faithfully did he discharge the duties devolving upon him, that he was not only re-elected, but was also chosen for a third term. He was one of the prominent and influential members of the General Assembly and labored earnestly for the best interests of the district which he represented. At that early day, when the question was but slightly agitated, he introduced a bill providing for the extension of suffrage to women and succeeded in having it pass the house; but in the Senate it was defeated. He has strong prohibition principles, stanchly supporting the temperance cause. His life has been devoted to good works, and while actively engaged in the work of the ministry he never accepted a

a pastorate where he did not double the membership of the church within two years. He has baptized over 400 individuals, and during the twenty-seven years that he was in the pulpit he averaged two sermons each week in addition to the many which he delivered at revival services. He will pass away from this earth, but his work will linger and his memory will live in the hearts of many that he has led to the higher and better life, long after he has been called to the home beyond.

SHERMAN H. TAYLOR, the popular young banker of Elmore, Faribault county, Minnesota, is the only child of George A. and Jane (Vining) Taylor, and was born on his father's farm adjoining the town of Elmore, January 12, 1862. His father, a native of Ohio, emigrated with his parents to Wisconsin when he was a boy, and lived there until 1861, when he married and came to Minnesota, settling on section 32 in Elmore township, Faribault county. He is one of the leading men of this part of the county as well as one of its earliest settlers.

Sherman H. spent his early boyhood days on the farm, attending the local schools. He was then for five years a student at Blue Earth City, the family moving there for that purpose. In 1881, having completed a high-school course, and learned telegraphy, he accepted a position in the railroad office at Elmore, as telegraph operator, and remained thus occupied two years. At the end of that time he went to work in a lumber yard, where he was employed until 1888. That year the Exchange Bank of Elmore was organized by George A. Taylor, Sherman H. Taylor, Charles H. Carey, and Z. Roberts. Mr. Roberts retiring soon after, the bank has since been owned and operated by Messrs. Taylor and Charles H. Carey. The firm also does a large business in buying and shipping hay, cattle and hogs: deals in real estate extensively, owning several fine farms; and conducts a large business in agricultural implements. The senior Mr. Taylor and Mr. Carey attend to the buying and the other outside work, while the subject of our sketch has full charge of the banking interests. The company is well known as one of the foremost, enterprising business firms of Faribault county.

September 11, 1883, Sherman H. Taylor married Miss Mary M. Bay, a native of Columbia county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Samuel Wilson Bay and Mary *nee* Campbell, both natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have two children, Leila B. and Effie M.

Mr. Taylor is identified with both the F. & A. M. and the A.O. U. W. of Elmore, and at this writing is Master of King David Lodge, No. 179, of the former order. He is a good representative of the able young men of the day who stand at the front of affairs in Faribault county.

JAMES H. QUINN occupies a very prominent position at the bar of Faribault county and is now serving as the efficient County Attorney, and also engaging in private practice both in Blue Earth City and in Wells, as a member of the firm of Quinn & Putnam. Theirs is an extensive practice and their reputation is second to none in this locality.

The gentleman whose name heads this record is a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Kilbourn City, Columbia

county, on the 23d of June, 1857. He is the second son and third child in the family of Andrew and Hannah (Mountford) Quinn. His father, a native of county Tyrone, Ireland, emigrated to America when a youth of sixteen years, first locating in Ohio, whence he afterward removed to Kilbourn City, following agricultural pursuits in that locality. There he was married to Miss Mountford, a native of England, who was brought to this country during her girlhood by her parents, William and Eliza Mountford. In 1863 Andrew Quinn and his family removed to Blue Earth county, Minnesota, where the parents have since resided. Their family numbered ten children, eight of whom are living.

The childhood and youth of our subject were passed on his father's farm, where he early became familiar with all the duties and cares which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and the common schools afforded him his educational privileges. Not wishing, however, to follow farming throughout his life, he took up the study of law in 1882 in the office of William N. Plywate, at Mapleton, Minnesota, where he remained two years applying himself diligently to the work in hand and gaining a thorough knowledge of the best commentaries and text books. At Mankato, Minnesota, he was admitted to the bar,—the Hon. M. J. Severance being the presiding Judge. Opening an office in Minnesota Lake, this State, he there began practice and successfully prosecuted his profession for two years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Wells, then a small hamlet, and has been identified with its progress and development, promoting its interests until it has become the second city in Faribault county. On his arrival here he formed a partnership with Frank E. Putnam, and the connection has since continued with mutual pleasure and profit, the firm having extensive practice throughout the county, with an office located both in Blue Earth City and Wells.

In connection with his work at the bar, Mr. Quinn has been identified with other business enterprises, which have not only added to his income but have also aided in the material advancement of the community in which he makes his home. He was one of the organizers, and is one of the directors of the First National Bank of Wells,—the first national bank established in the county. In 1888 he was nominated and elected to the office of County Attorney of Faribault county, and has been three times re-elected, with large majorities. No higher testimonial of his efficiency could be given than the fact of his long continuance in office, which also indicates his personal popularity. Politically he is an unswerving Republican who loyally aids his party in all honorable ways possible, for he believes that the adoption of its principles would promote the best interests of the country.

The marriage of Mr. Quinn was celebrated on the 19th of September, 1882, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah M. Annis, a native of Blue Earth county, Minnesota, and a daughter of Ira and Brilla (Corey) Annis, who removed to that county in an early day from Vermont. One child graces this union, Cecil L.; and the family occupies an enviable position in circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society, while their pleasant home is the abode of hospitality.

As a lawyer at the bar Mr. Quinn is an able advocate, logical, clear and convincing

in argument, and his eloquence is of that kind which convinces, carrying great weight with the jury. His public and private life are alike above reproach, and men of worth recognize him as their equal and oftentimes superior.

JOSEPH SPEIER, prominent in public affairs in Silver Lake township, Martin county, and one of its influential citizens, was born in Poland on the 4th of March, 1853, and in his native land spent the days of his boyhood and youth, no event of special importance occurring during that period. At the age of twenty years he bade adieu to friends and home and crossed the broad Atlantic to the New World, landing at New York city. He went direct to La Salle, Illinois, where for twelve years and one month he made his home, being employed there in a zinc furnace. He came to Martin county, Minnesota, in 1885 and located on the farm which has since been his home. Upon it was a little house, 14 x 18 feet; eighteen acres had been placed under the plow, and these were all the improvements upon the place. In the years which have since passed a great transformation has been wrought. There is now a pleasant and substantial dwelling, good barns and sheds and around these lie fields of waving grain which tell of bounteous harvests. The farm now comprises 360 acres of the rich soil of Minnesota, and this valuable and desirable property has been acquired entirely through the efforts of our subject and the assistance of his estimable wife and children.

Mr. Speier has been twice married. In La Salle, Illinois, he wedded Paulena Swick, a native of Poland, who died May 5, 1891. The children born to them, ten in number, are Johnnie, Joseph, Frank, Anna, deceased; Tracey, Neto Medista, deceased; Mary, Cassnear, Martha, and Elizabeth, deceased. For his second wife Mr. Speier chose Catharine Burgdell, and they have one child, Eva.

Our subject exercises his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, but has never been an aspirant for office, although he served as School Treasurer for seven years. In connection with Mr. Gaworski he built the schoolhouse in his district, and has ever been a warm friend of educational interests. He holds membership with the Polish Church of East Chain township, in which he is now serving as Treasurer. He aided in building the house of worship, was prominent in the organization of the church and is a prominent and faithful worker in its interests. He came to this country a poor young man without capital save a young man's bright hope of the future and a determination to succeed, and has steadily worked his way upward to a position of affluence. His success is well deserved, being the reward of honest, industrious effort, and his example should serve to encourage others, who like himself have neither wealth nor influential friends to aid them as they start out in the world for themselves.

L. E. FOWLER, proprietor of the 'bus and transfer business in Winnebago City and agent for the United States Express Company, is one of the thoroughgoing and reliable men of the city, running baggage wagons and a first-class "bus," and by his prompt and efficient service has won great popularity in his line. He is a pioneer here, having been identified with its interests for

a quarter of a century,—ever since September, 1870.

He was born in Washington county, Vermont, July 18, 1842, a son of L. C. and Elsie (Cady) Fowler, both natives of the Green Mountain State. He was reared on a Vermont farm and received his education in the public schools of the neighborhood in which he lived. When he was nineteen years of age he came to Waukesha county, Wisconsin, where he was employed for some time in a grain warehouse for John Mile, a native also of Vermont. In 1857 the family emigrated to Minnesota and located temporarily at Owatonna, Steele county, where they resided until the spring of 1858; then they removed to Freeborn county, taking a homestead, but, after a year of great privation and suffering there they sold out their claim. Leaving his wife at the homestead, Mr. Fowler had to go a distance of seventy-five miles away from home to find work, which he did, in the harvest-field, and thus, by cradling grain, for the remuneration of two bushels of wheat per day, he earned twenty-two and a half bushels ol wheat. In 1859 he moved to Dodge county, where he cultivated rented farms; in 1860 he moved to Winona county and rented a farm at St. Charles for three years, and was there at the time of the beginning of the war. Then he moved to Wasioja, Dodge county, and was there a year; then, entering 160 acres at Peddle's Grove, in Waseca county, on the Winnebago reservation, and proceeded to improve the place. (His father also entered a tract adjoining him.)

In the spring of 1865 he enlisted in Company H, First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, was mustered in at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, ordered to Chicago at the time of President Lincoln's funeral, and attended the memorial services there; next was ordered to the front at Alexandria, Virginia, where he was taken sick, and was discharged from the hospital June 25, 1865.

Arriving home on the 4th of July, he resumed agricultural pursuits for a year. He then engaged in driving stage for the Minnesota Stage Company, from Waseca to Mankato, with four-horse vehicles,—the outfit requiring five men and twenty horses. His fellow drivers were Al Long, Billy Maloney, Lon Cale and John Donaldson. He followed this occupation for four years.

In September, 1870, he moved to Winnebago City, Faribault county, where he first engaged in business with a one-horse dray. In June, 1871, he purchased A. R. Davis' "bus," and his business in the transfer line increased until he now employs five horses, two busses and a baggage wagon. In March, 1894, he was appointed agent for the United States Express Company, and the business of that office is now attended to by his son, Frank.

Mr. Fowler has passed through many hardships and suffered many privations incident to frontier life, but has successfully withstood them all until he is now engaged in a remunerative business, for which he is so well qualified.

He was married at the age of twenty-two years, Waukesha county, Wisconsin, to Miss Adelia Buck, a lady of marked intelligence and of good family, a native of New York and a daughter of Mr. C. Buck. They have had four children, three of whom are living, namely: Frank W., Fred E., a barber of Winnebago City; and Laura, wife of Ed. Babcock, a grain-dealer in the same town; and George, their first-born, died in his second year, of membranous croup. The

three children living have had a good education.

Politically Mr. Fowler is a Republican, and has served efficiently and acceptably as the first Marshal of the town, holding that office for one year. He is a gentleman of the strictest integrity, genial and accommodating, making friends of all who make his acquaintance, either in a business or social way.

A. L. TAYLOR, president of the First National Bank of Wells.—The name Taylor, as borne by the family of which the subject of this sketch is a member, was derived from Taillefer, belonging to a Norman ancestor who was a Baron holding an office of trust under William the Conqueror and who participated in the battle of Hastings in 1066. Since that time the ancestors in the male line have been, in succession, William, John, William, John, John, John, Matthew, Edward, T. C., Lucerne Curtis, the father of our subject. Edward, the first of the family in this country, settled in Middletown, New Jersey, in the latter part of the seventeenth century, namely, in 1692, afterward locating at Garrett's Hill, where his descendants were still occupying a part of the original homestead in 1880. He married Eunice Curtis, was an officer in the war of 1812, and, being an ardent admirer of good horses, had considerable valuable stock in that line. He died at Gloversville, New York. His son, T. C., born in 1781, died in 1866. John Taylor, great-grandfather, was born at Upper Freehold, New Jersey, in 1749, and married Chloe Cott, who was born in May, 1752. He was a prominent citizen, and for nine years was Judge of Saratoga county. The family came into possession of large estates in Kent, England, and a hundred years afterward we find John Taylor, of this family, still on the old homestead, in Schodoshchurch, county Kent, England.

Lucerne Curtis Taylor, born in Saratoga county, in 1812, married Hannah Platner, a native of Otsego county, New York, and a daughter of William Platner, of an old and prominent family, pioneers of the Mohawk valley. In 1853 he settled in Rosendale, in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he resided until 1857, and he is now one of the honored pioneers of Faribault county, Minnesota, aged eighty-three years.

Mr. Taylor, the subject of this sketch, was born in Saratoga county, New York, February 2, 1840. In 1856, in company with a brother, he came to Dunbar township, this county, as one of the first settlers there, with a span of horses and eight yoke of oxen, entered 800 acres of land, broke 160 acres and raised a sod crop of corn. Building a pine shanty, lined with sawdust, they occupied it for a dwelling. The next season the remainder of the family came out to remain with them.

Of the children there were eight sons and four daughters, as follows: Eunice, wife of Ezra Stearns, of Eagle Lake, Minnesota; Ed. H., of Kent, Nebraska; he was a soldier in the Second Minnesota Battalion; P. R., of Wells; was a member of the Fourth Minnesota Infantry; A. L., (subject); also a member of the Fourth Minnesota Regiment; Martha A., who married Judson Taylor, of Wells; A. A., a merchant of Wells, who also was a soldier in the last war; J. W., engaged in the livery business at Kasson, Minnesota; E. H., of Kent, Nebraska; Ida M., who became the wife of Joy Tellet, of this

county; L. C., Jr., in the grain business at Wells; W. J., also in the grain business here; and Hattie J., now Mrs. J. Dunbar, of Foster township. Four of these are teachers,—P. R., Eunice, Hattie and Ida M. Their mother died in 1893, at the age of seventy-nine years, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also their surviving father.

During the war, October 11, 1861, Mr. A. L. Taylor enlisted in Company F, Minnesota Infantry, and served four years. After a short camp life at Fort Snelling, this State, the men were ordered to St. Louis, Missouri, and thence to the front in the rebellious South, and were engaged in the battles of Iuka, Holly Springs, and Corinth, were two days at Memphis, and then engaged throughout the siege of Vicksburg, were with Sherman in the siege of Atlanta and on to the sea, and thence northward through the Carolinas to Richmond, Virginia, and to the grand review at Washington. Altogether, Mr. Taylor engaged in thirty-seven battles. On one occasion his cartridge-box was shot from him, his clothing was torn by a ball; but he never received any wound in action. Honorably discharged, he returned to the farm of 480 acres, which he proceeded to put into good condition.

In 1870 he came to Wells, as one of the pioneers here, entering the business of supplying the people with meat, and also the livery business. For some time also he was engaged in trade in live stock and land. In 1882 he went to Larimore, South Dakota, and spent one season in Antelope Valley, Benson county, North Dakota. There he opened a valuable farm of 640 acres, good land, which he still owns. He also has 240 acres in Dunbar township. His homestead, comprising a $7,000 house and a grove of four acres (with thirty-seven kinds of timber) is the finest in the county.

On returning from Dakota to Wells, Mr. Taylor engaged extensively in the grain trade, in which he became signally successful. He is also an extensive dealer in coal, lumber and all kinds of building material. His grain elevator was erected in 1895, with a capacity of 25,000 bushels. At the organization of the First National Bank of Wells in 1891, he was elected a member of the Board of Directors and the Vice President; was elected President in 1894 and re-elected in 1895.

He is a zealous worker for the Republican party; has been County Commissioner four years, serving with credit and honor; has also been President of the Village Board of Trustees. In his social relations he is a member of Lodge No. 87, F. & A. M., of Lodge No. 39, A. O. U. W., and of Post No. 165, G. A. R. Both himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

In March, 1868, in Wells township, he married Miss Ida M. Thomas, a highly cultured and refined lady, a daughter of A. J. Thomas, who was a pioneer here of 1855, and died in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have two children: Pearl E., now the wife of J. T. Owens, of Wells; and A. L., attending the high school.

BYRON HERBERT CURTIS, a farmer of section 30, Fairmont township, Martin county, was born in Vernon county, Wisconsin, August 17, 1861, a son of Thomas S. Curtis. The latter was born in Vermont, December 25, 1830, where he remained until seventeen years of age, and then engaged in the

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boot and shoe business in Massachusetts. He was married there in December, 1848, to Mary Campbell, born in the north of Ireland June 17, 1832. She came to America with her mother at the age of fourteen years, locating first in Boston, Massachusetts, and afterward in Hopkinton, that State, where she died at about the age of eighty years. Her mother died in Ireland. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Curtis located in Mendon, Massachusetts, where he was engaged in the boot and shoe business. From there, in 1854, they moved to Vernon county, Wisconsin, and ten years afterward came to Martin county, Minnesota, locating in what is now Rolling Green township, where Mr. Curtis died, at the age of forty-six years. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Ida, wife of D. P. Sackett, of Lamont, Martin county; Ella, wife of Henry Mills, of Dakota; Florence; Eugenie, deceased; Byron H., the subject of this sketch; Emma, wife of John Berry, of Dakota; Thomas, deceased; and Augusta, deceased.

Byron H. Curtis was three years of age when he came to Martin county, and was raised on his father's farm. After his marriage he spent five years on the old homestead in Rolling Green township, and then moved to and purchased a half interest in the store of S. D. Tanner of Fairmont. Six months afterward he sold his interest to his partner and purchased the place where he now resides, consisting of 260 acres, where he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. In political matters Mr. Curtis supports the Republican party. He was a member of the Board of Township Supervisors in Rolling Green township from his twenty-first year until he left the township, and was chairman of the board during the last three years. In Fairmont township he has served as a member of the Board of Supervisors two years and as Clerk of the School Board. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Fairmont Lodge, No. 70, and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

In September, 1885, Mr. Curtis was united in marriage with Emily Merritt, born in Canada, August 11, 1861, a daughter of John and Martha (Dease) Merritt, natives also of Canada. Mrs. Curtis, the third of their six children, came to Martin county, Minnesota, at the age of eleven years. Our subject and wife have two sons,—Thomas Henry and Benjamin John.

D. J. KREMER has been longer identified with Faribault county than almost any of its citizens, and the story of its frontier life is very familiar to him. He gave to the biographer a graphic description of the condition of affairs here in pioneer times, and as far as possible we reproduce an account of these facts, knowing that they will prove of interest to many of our readers. He has played an important part in the county development from the days when Indians still visited the settlement, from the time when Minnesota was yet a Territory.

Mr. Kremer was born in Lorraine, France, near the beautiful city of Metz, January 14, 1834, and is the eldest of seven children, five sons and two daughters, whose parents were John and Elizabeth (Gouvion) Kremer. The others were Catherine, who became the wife of Adolph Brecht, a pioneer of Rice Lake, Dodge county, Wisconsin, who removed to Blue Earth county, Minnesota, some years ago, and both died there;

John P., who came to Faribault county in 1856 and afterward went to Blue Earth county, was there elected County Treasurer, but after serving for five days his career was ended by death; John, born November 29, 1843, for many years resided on the old home farm in Danville township, Faribault county, but for the past years has lived retired in Minnesota Lake, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned; Edward contracted an illness on board the ship while the family were coming to America, and died in Alden, Erie county, New York, about a year after their arrival; Peter, born March 7, 1839, is President of the Village Board of Minnesota Lake, also of the Security State Bank of that place, and is a most prominent and honored citizen; Margaret died in France, at the age of ten years.

The father of this family, John Kremer, Sr., was a leading man in political circles in his native land, and many times saw the Emperor Napoleon at the head of his victorious armies. He was born at Coume, Canton Bouley, Metz, France, in November, 1800, and was laid to rest in the burying-ground of St. John's Church in March, 1881, when death ended a long and useful life. The conditions of France in 1850 led to his emigration to America. He sailed on the 30th of April on the three-mast vessel Gallea, and on the voyage some very severe storms were encountered, the terrible waves dashing over the vessel with such force that no man could stand on the deck, but New York harbor was at length reached in safety, and the family made their way to Alden, Erie county, New York, where the father secured fifty-five acres of land, on which stood a frame house. He made many improvements upon his farm, and in the spring of 1855 sold it at a good profit, preparatory to removing to Wisconsin, where he hoped to get a larger farm. The journey was made by rail to Chicago, thence by team to Fond du Lac county, where Mr. Kremer secured 160 acres of partially improved land and a rude log cabin. In June that was replaced with a more substantial log structure, and here the family began life in the West in true pioneer style. Leaving them there engaged in the cultivation of the land and adding the much needed improvements to the place, we will return to our subject and follow his fortunes through the South.

In March, 1853, Mr. Kremer, whose name heads this record, left Alden, New York, and made his way to Cincinnati, Ohio, and four miles east of that place secured employment in a road house where he served as clerk, bar-tender and general utility man. After three months he set out across the bay to Marblehead, where he secured employment with his uncle Tobie in a stone quarry, getting out stone for canals. He was later employed at various pursuits until November, 1854, receiving $30 per month. He was then sent to Toledo to do some work, but found the cholera raging there in a very malignant form, and after four days returned to Marblehead. He was then sent by his uncle to look after interests in Sault Ste. Marie, but found that the cholera had preceded him there and he returned to Marblehead without delay, intending there to spend the winter, but destiny ordered otherwise. In the quarries he had met a sturdy, honest Scotchman, Davie Jones, and these two young men became part of the crew of the Natchez, a new boat just starting for the city of that name. It left Cincinnati January 1, 1855, and on reaching Poddington a cargo of negroes were taken aboard for the Memphis

slave market. Here for the first time indeed the two young men, whose fortunes we are now following, realized what slavery was, and it was all that Mr. Kremer could do to restrain his more hot-headed friends from trying to prevent the rough handling of slaves at the market building. Fleecy cotton was taken aboard for the New Orleans market, and they saw Southern life in its various phases in those days. From the Crescent City Mr. Kremer came up the river on a packet as deck hand, saw the plantations along the streams and heard the songs of the negroes in the fields, mellowed by distance. He was called upon to take the soundings on that trip and his friend "Davie" was placed on the lookout. Notwithstanding his warnings of shoals ahead the craft ran her prow deep into the sand and for ten hours was thus held. On the same vessel Mr. Kremer afterward made another trip to New Orleans, and that time returned by way of the river to Covington, Kentucky, where he visited a cousin, John Gouvin. There were very few points along the Mississippi at that time, below the Ohio, with which he was not familiar, and he also made a trip to the Kansas river and the Missouri to Omaha and Council Bluffs.

After three months he found himself in St. Louis, and while wandering aimlessly around chanced to meet some of his old friends from the stone quarries, and with one of these he came to Minnesota, then known as the Big Slough country. Cholera broke out on the boat and several died, but our subject escaped the disease and for a time worked at rafting on the river. Not satisfied with this, however, he went to Wabasha, this State, thence on foot to the site of the present town of Plainview, then marked by a single log cabin. He was here advised by an old friend, John Walker, to secure a claim, and after doing this he returned to his parents' home in Wisconsin to induce his father to come to Minnesota. The two then went to New York, where the father mortgaged some of his property in order to get money to make the contemplated change.

N. J. Kremer and his family traveled by way of Chicago to Dunleith, then by water to Hastings, Nebraska, where an ox team prairie schooner were secured, with which they continued on their way. Near the shores of Cobb river lived the honored pioneer Frances Phillips, with whom they remained until their own cabin, on section 17, was built,—a structure 16 x 20 feet. Nick Kremer subsequently returned to Olmsted county, only to find that his claim had been taken by another; so in June, 1856, he secured the papers for 160 acres of prairie land and also for a timber tract. The Kremer family lived in a log cabin in true pioneer style and passed through the memorable severe winter of 1856–7. The country around was bleak and barren, and neighbors were miles away, and it seemed a cheerless situation, but with the advent of spring work began in the fields and labor drove away all loneliness. During the Indian outbreak, like the other families, they fled from home, stopping near where now stands the Franklin postoffice, and in numbers sought safety, for they had little to fortify themselves with. While the party were discussing the advisability of the plan of crossing the river for further protection Mrs. Samuel Merrick came with the news that the Indians had returned to their reservation, and the settlers gladly went again to their homes, for the danger was now over. On account of the dreaded trouble with the Red

Men the father determined to move near the other settlers, and sent his son Nick to secure a location for him in Blue Earth county. This the latter finally obtained after traveling over many miles of territory, obtaining a location about ten rods from Cobb river in Danville township in May, 1857, comprising 160 acres, on which was some fine natural timber. There John Kremer made his home until 1870, when he determined to spend his declining days in his native land. He again went to France, but Lorraine was then ravaged by the Prussians and he could not bear to see the devastation of his beloved country, so again sailed for America, where were his children. He spent his remaining days in the home of his esteemed son Nick, and died in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, of which he was long a faithful member. The cemetery in which he now rests was given by him to the church for that purpose. His faithful wife, who shared with him in all life's vicissitudes and was also a consistent Catholic, preceded him to the home beyond. She was born June 6, 1804, and died March 10, 1860.

Nick Kremer aided in all the labors of the farm and in the arduous task of developing wild land. In December, 1894, he sprained his shoulder, and at this writing has not recovered from the injury. He was one of the first merchants of Minnesota Lake and long a member of the popular firm of Kremer & Apley, hardware merchants and dealers in farm implements, and has carried on a successful business. He brought the three first threshers to Minnesota Lake,—the Massillon, Eclipse and J. I. Case.

On the 11th of July, 1860, N. J. Kremer married Elizabeth Wagoner, daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Wagoner, and a native of Alsace, France, born July 22, 1839. Their eight children are as follows: Elizabeth, born November 29, 1861, died December 9, 1879, and was buried by the side of her grandparents; Peter, born May 16, 1864, attended the Northwestern Business College of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and the College of the Sacred Heart of Prairie du Chien, has been for some years a merchant of Minnesota Lake and was formerly in the mail service, running between La Crosse and Woonsocket, South Dakota; Julia, born April 13, 1866, is the wife of Thomas Keogan, an attorney of Minnesota Lake; Lena, born November 23, 1868, died April 16, 1876; Edward N., born April 22, 1870, operates the old homestead; Ida, born March 7, 1873, died February 12, 1885; Martha, born November 27, 1874, died April 30, 1875; Rosa, born June 20, 1877, is now a student in St. Mary's Institute of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

Mr. Kremer was an important factor in the organization of the Town Board of Danville township, Blue Earth county, in 1858 was town clerk and served six years as chairman of the Town Board of that township; also served on the Village Board of Minnesota Lake; was treasurer of the school board when the pretty brick school building was erected. In all offices he has labored earnestly for the welfare of the community. Since casting his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas he has supported the Democracy, and he and his family belong to the Catholic Church. His life has been a varied one. Born in France, reared in New York, starting out in business in Ohio, witnessing Southern scenes while on the Mississippi and experiencing all the vicissitudes of frontier life in Minnesota, he is now living a quiet life, honored and re-

spected by all who know him. The nobler qualities of manhood are seen in his nature and many excellencies of character have brought to him many warm friends.

HON. ALLEN SHULTIS, the efficient Postmaster of Elmore, Faribault county, Minnesota, was born in Columbia county, New York, January 20, 1832, son of Adam and Clara (Williams) Shultis. He is one of a family of ten, eight sons and two daughters. The sons are all still living and are scattered in different parts of the United States, the youngest at this writing being fifty-three years of age.

Adam Shultis was born on the old Shultis homestead in Columbia county, New York, March 4, 1792, and his father was born and passed his life in that county. The ancestor of the Shultis family in America emigrated from Germany and settled in New York in 1740. Adam followed farming during his active life. In 1842 he moved from his native county to Wisconsin and settled in Waukesha county, where he spent the rest of his life. He was a man of strong individuality, and was successful in life. In his early days he was a stanch adherent of the old Whig party, but later was an enthusiastic Republican. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. In Wisconsin, in December, 1870, at the age of seventy-eight years, he quietly passed away. Of his wife, whose maiden name was Clara Williams, we record that she was born in Columbia county, New York, in the year 1796, and died in 1871. Her people were of English origin and were among the early settlers of this country.

Allen Shultis was about ten years of age at the time his parents moved to Wisconsin, and in that State he remained until 1855, when he started out in life for himself. Coming over into Minnesota, he located in Winona county, on Money creek, and made his home there for one year. At the end of that time, not being satisfied with his surroundings, he, in company with Mr. George D. McArthur, came further West and settled in Faribault county, in Elmore township. That was in 1856. At the time of his settlement here there were but six actual settlers in the township, and of this number he is the only one left, the others having died or moved away. He has been actively engaged in farming in Elmore township until two years ago, when he moved into the town of Elmore. He owns 200 acres of land near the village, a portion of his farm having been inclosed within the town site.

Mr. Shultis was married January 15, 1857, to Elizabeth McArthur, daughter of Duncan and Catharine (Van Deusen) McArthur, she, too, being a native of Columbia county, New York. The McArthurs are of Scotch descent and have been residents of America since before the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Shultis have three children, viz.: Mrs. Elliot Mason, of Elmore township; Kate, wife of C. H. Stein, St. Paul, Minnesota; and Floyd, at this writing a student in the commercial department of Parker College, Winnebago City, Minnesota.

Mr. Shultis has been active in promoting the best interests of the county ever since he took up his abode here. He was for many years chairman of the Township Board of Supervisors and was for two terms a member of the County Board. As a Republican, he served in 1859 and '60 as a member of the Minnesota State Legislature. During the Greeley campaign he joined the

Democratic party, and has ever since supported it. He has three times been the choice of his party as candidate for the Legislature. In 1893 he was appointed Postmaster at Elmore by President Cleveland, and on September of that year took charge of the office. He enjoys the confidence and good will of the people at large, and is recognized as one of the energetic, public-spirited men of the county.

JOHN H. VAN BUREN, residing on a farm in section 24, Elmore township, Faribault county, Minnesota, is one of the prosperous and highly respected men of his vicinity.

He was born in Schoharie county, New York, April 12, 1830, one of the five children of Martin and Julia Ann (Neff) Van Buren. His father was born at the Van Buren homestead, seven miles from Canajoharie, New York, and in 1833 moved seven miles from Fort Plain, Montgomery county. For some years he was a boatman on the Erie canal. He was poor and proud, and for that reason, when President Van Buren went to Fort Plain, hearing of his second cousin and namesake living near, and sent an invitation for the young boatman to visit him, the latter declined to go, and they never met. In 1850 he moved with his family to Princeton, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and settled on a farm, being one of the pioneers of that region. His subsequent life was spent there, where he died in 1892, at the age of ninety-two years. His wife, *nee* Julia Ann Neff, was born in Port Jackson, now a part of the city of Amsterdam, New York, in the year 1797, daughter of Timothy Neff. The Neffs originated in England, but for many years were residents of New York. She died at the age of eighty-eight years. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Peter Van Buren. His whole life was passed in New York. The Van Burens trace their ancestry back to the Holland Dutch.

John H. Van Buren was just merging into young manhood when he went with his parents to Wisconsin, and there he lived for sixteen years, during the last ten of which he owned and operated a farm in Dodge county. In 1866 he sold his Wisconsin farm, and in the spring of that year came to Minnesota and settled in Elmore township. Here he bought a tract of unimproved land, with a sod shanty on it, in section 24, the same spot upon which his present comfortable home is located, and here for many years he endured all the trials and hardships incident to life on the frontier. But notwithstanding the grasshopper scourge and the many other drawbacks with which he had to contend, by his honest industry, his courage and his perseverance he came safely through and is to-day the owner of 240 acres of as good land as there is in the State of Minnesota. He raises fine crops of grain, and has for a number of years been extensively engaged in stock raising. Besides his home farm, he owns six valuable building lots in the center of Elmore.

Mr. Van Buren has always taken a commendable interest in local affairs. He became a member of the Township Board soon after locating here, and served in that capacity ten years. He was elected Township Assessor twenty-two years ago, and for more than two-thirds of the time since then has filled the office, being its incumbent at this writing. He has been a member of the School Board ever since coming here, with the exception of three years when he was a

member of the building committee, and he served as Clerk of the Board for many years. In politics, he has been a stanch Republican ever since the formation of the party. He is a member of the Masonic order, affiliating with King David Lodge, No. 179, of Elmore, since 1888.

Mr. Van Buren was married February 22, 1855, to Hannah Maria White, a native of Erie county, New York, and a daughter of Stephen H. and Cheney (Percy) White, both natives of Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Van Buren have five children living,—four daughters and one son, namely: Martin, attending the business college at Mankato; Francis C., the wife of Lepold Oelke, of Rome township; Ada Jane, wife of Lee Dolliver, of Iowa; Jessie, wife of William H. Stubbs, Eagle Grove, Iowa; and Hattie Belle, at home. Annie, the second daughter, became the wife of Curtis Dolliver, of Iowa, and died at the age of twenty-nine years and eight months, leaving a husband and four children.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Buren are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Elmore village.

DANIEL D. ALTON, who resides on section 17, Fairmont township, is one of the prominent and prosperous farmers of Martin county, who has long been identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the State He was born in Jefferson county, New York, February 2, 1843, descended from a hardy family of the Emerald Isle. His grandfather, Lawrence Alton, and his father, Christopher Alton, were both natives of county Limerick, Ireland, and when the latter was twelve years of age he was brought by his parents to America, the family locating in Jefferson county, New York. After he had attained to man's estate, he led to the marriage altar Miss Ann Montgomery, who was born in county Antrim, Ireland, and came with her parents to the New World when a young lady of seventeen years. Her father died while on board the ship. The daughter became a resident of Kingston, Canada, and there the parents of our subject were married, removing thence to Jefferson county, New York, where they resided for some years. In 1848 they emigrated to the new State of Wisconsin, which in that year had been admitted to the Union, and located in Washington county upon a claim which was pre-empted by Mr. Alton. The father died in the Badger State, when about sixty-three years of age: the mother's death occurred in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Alton were the parents of five children, four sons and a daughter, all of whom reached years of maturity. Adam is now living in Minnesota; Elizabeth is deceased; Daniel D. is the next younger; and Michael and Joseph are living in Monroe county, Wisconsin.

The gentleman whose name heads this record is the third child of the family. He was a little lad of only four summers when brought by his family to the West. For some time afterward he was a resident of the Badger State. He may truly be called a self-made man, for he started out in life for himself at the age of sixteen years, working on farms through the summer months and attending school during the winter seasons. His early life was therefore not a season of ease and luxury, but a period of labor, but he developed thereby a self-reliance and force of character which have been of incalculable benefit to him in later years.

In 1861 Mr. Alton responded to the call of President Lincoln for troops to aid in crushing out the Rebellion, and became a member of Company K, Sixth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He took part in several important battles, including the engagements at Beaver Mound, Rappahannock, White Sulphur Springs, Warrington and the second battle of Bull Run. At the last named he was wounded, the ball passing through his right thigh, and on account of the injuries thus sustained he was honorably discharged April 14, 1863. He had always been found at his post of duty and was a valiant and loyal soldier, true to the old flag and the cause it represented.

Mr. Alton at once returned to his home in Juneau county, Wisconsin, where he was employed in the lumber woods and at farming until 1864, when he removed to Olmsted county, Minnesota. The following spring he came to Martin county and secured a homestead claim of 160 acres of land in Tenhassen township, which he at once began to clear and improve. About this time he chose as a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Miss Mary E. Dennett, their marriage being consummated on the 22d of March, 1866. The lady was born in Allegany county, New York, November 5, 1846. Her father, Jacob Dennett, was a native of the Empire State, and a son of David Dennett, and was of English descent. Her mother, who in her maidenhood was Cornelia Alvoid, was also a native of New York and a daughter of Captain Alvoid, who was of English descent and served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war with the rank of Captain. Mr. and Mrs. Dennett removed to the State of Wisconsin when Mrs. Alton was only about ten years old, and there engaged in farming. They located first in Sauk county, and after two years went to Monroe county. The mother died in New York, at the age of sixty-five years, and the father is now living three miles from Lowell, Massachusetts. They were the parents of five children: Josephine, wife of Liberty Dennett, a lawyer of Portland, Maine; Lafayette, who is employed in the post office of New York city; Mary E., the wife of our subject; W. Eugene, a Baptist minister now living in Rhode Island; and Alonzo G., a practicing physician of Ironton, Sauk county, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Alton was educated in Monroe and Juneau counties, Wisconsin, and is a lady of culture and refinement, who presides with grace over her hospitable home. For seven years she successfully engaged in teaching school, and her ability was widely recognized. To Mr. and Mrs. Alton have been born seven children, five sons and two daughters, who in order of birth are as follows: Lorenzo D., now deceased; Carrie C., who is now taking a course as a trained nurse in Battle Creek, Michigan; Alfred D., a teacher; Josephine, who is engaged in teaching in Tenhassen township; Alonzo E., who is a student in Battle Creek College of Battle Creek, Michigan; Herbert D., a student in the schools of Fairmont; and Lester, who completes the family.

Shortly after his marriage Mr. Alton located upon a farm in Tenhassen township and began its development, continuing its cultivation for a period of twenty-eight years. He first moved into a log house, but it was replaced by a substantial frame residence. The boundaries of the farm were extended until it now comprises a half section of land,—a rich and valuable tract which is now operated by his sons. In 1893 Mr. Alton purchased the Hazelmere place, which

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he now makes his home, living in a beautiful dwelling, three stories in height, situated on the bank of the lovely "Hall Lake." The home is supplied with many evidences of the taste and culture of its inmates, and the many friends of the family are always sure to receive a hearty welcome there. The seventy-five acres of the farm adjoins the lake and not only adds to the beauty of the home but also to its pleasure in various ways.

For many years Mr. Alton was a supporter of the Republican party, but has now severed his allegiance to the same. He has served as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Tenhassen township, and for the long period of sixteen years was Clerk of School District No. 17. He has also filled other minor offices, and has ever faithfully discharged the trust reposed in him. In the Seventh Day Adventist Church he holds his religious relations. The life and efforts of Mr. Alton have been crowned with a high degree of success. He has steadily worked his way upward, overcoming the difficulties and obstacles in his path by determined effort and perseverance, and his good business and executive ability have brought to him a prosperity of which he is well deserving. His name is on the rolls of Martin county's most prominent agriculturists and citizens, and among its representative citizens he well deserves mention.

GEORGE SELDEN FOWLER, a well known farmer and stockraiser residing on section 32, Westford township, Martin county, was born on the 18th of May, 1834, in Northford, Connecticut, descending from good old Revolutionary stock. The Fowler family was founded in America by three brothers who came from England to this country at an early day in its history. His grandfather, Maltby Fowler, and his father, De Grasse Fowler, were both natives of Connecticut. The latter married Sophronia Austin, who was born in the same State, as was her father, Enos Austin. Her grandfather was one of the heroes of the Revolution. The parents of our subject spent their entire lives in the Nutmeg State. The father died suddenly in 1863, at Hamilton, Fillmore county, Minnesota, while visiting his son at that place, and the mother passed away in 1894. In their family were five children, three of whom are yet living, namely: Maltby, George S. and Herbert E. One son, De Grasse, was a soldier in the Civil war, and his death resulted from the hardships and exposures incident to army life. The father of this family was an inventor and machinist, and he invented the first solid-head pin ever manufactured. His father and all his brothers were also inventors and were the originators of many useful and ingenious articles.

In taking up the personal history of George S. Fowler, we present to our readers the life record of one of Martin county's most prominent and influential citizens. He was reared in Waterbury and Wallingford, Connecticut, and acquired an excellent education, pursuing his studies in New Britain in his native State. He then entered his father's factory in Wallingford, where he remained until January, 1857, when he emigrated westward. Coming to Minnesota, he took up his residence upon his present farm with Holmes Fowler, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He now owns here 240 acres of rich and arable land, and his wife has in her possession 143 acres.

The entire amount is cleared and cultivated and well tilled fields yield to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestows upon them. The buildings are neat and substantial structures and are well kept up, showing no neglect or carelessness on the part of Mr. Fowler. He devotes his time and attention to general farming and to stock-raising, making a specialty of the breeding of sheep and hogs.

In 1861 Mr. Fowler wedded Susan E. Booth, a native of Newtown, Connecticut, and a daughter of Daniel L. Booth, one of the early settlers of Fillmore county, Minnesota, who located there in 1856. Her parents are both now deceased. She had three brothers who enlisted in the United States regular army and served through the Civil war. One brother, Justin S., was killed at the battle of Weldon Railroad in 1865; Nathan R. wore the blue throughout the entire conflict; and Daniel T. after serving for some time was honorably discharged on account of physical disability. He is now an Episcopal minister of Minnesota. The Booth family is of English origin and was probably established in America during early colonial days.

Mrs. Fowler was born November 15, 1843, and by her marriage has become the mother of nine children, eight of whom are yet living, as follows: Justin Herbert, at home; Lillian Emma, wife of J. K. Tanner of Fairmont, by whom she has two children; Edith, wife of Harry St. John and the mother of one child; Edwin, twin brother of Edith; Mary S., George Fred, Grace and William W., who are still under the parental roof. Three of the daughters have successfully engaged in schoolteaching, and all the children are well educated. Miss Mary is proficient in music, while Fred is now a student in the Agricultural College of Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church, but are not now communicants. In his political views he was formerly a Republican, but now supports the Populist party. He has taken quite an active interest in local politics, and has been called upon to fill a number of offices of honor and trust in this community. He served as County Auditor of Martin county, and for three years served as County Commissioner. He was elected Probate Judge, but refused to qualify for that office. He has been Chairman of the Township Board and is Clerk of the school district. He is a public-spirited and progressive man, who gives his support to every enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit, and is numbered among the valued citizens of his adopted county. He is also one of the pioneer settlers, and has been an important factor in the upbuilding and advancement of the community; and in the long years of his residence here his life has ever been such as to win him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

CHARLES H. CAREY is one of the leading citizens of Elmore. The records of the lives of our forefather's are of interest to the modern citizen not alone for their historical value but also for the inspiration and example they afford the present generation. Yet we need not look to the past for this, for although surroundings may differ the essential conditions of human life are ever the same and a man can learn from the success

of others if he will heed the obvious lessons contained in their history. Study the life of Mr. Carey and you will see the plans and methods which have been followed by one who has gained prosperity through his own efforts—through enterprise, sagacity and keen perception.

Mr. Carey is a Western man and possesses the energetic and alert spirit which characterizes the citizens of the Mississippi valley. He was born in Fox Lake, Wisconsin, and is the eldest in a family of five sons, whose parents were Francis E. and Matilda (Jennings) Carey. The grandparents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Rawdon) Carey, were both natives of Quebec, Canada, and descended from French ancestors. The father of our subject was born in Vermont, April 16, 1828, and when nine years of age he started out to make his own living, working on a farm until fifteen years of age. He then began to learn the shoemaker's trade in Brandon, Vermont, and successfully followed that pursuit for fifteen years, carrying on business in Salisbury, Vermont. About this time the Mississippi valley was becoming rapidly settled, emigrants from the East taking advantage of the splendid resources afforded in this section of the country. In 1855 Francis E. Carey removed to Wisconsin, settling in Columbia county, where he secured a tract of Government land, which he cultivated until 1867, at which time he came to Faribault county, Minnesota. In August, 1867, he located on section 6, Blue Earth City township, and has since devoted his time and attention to general farming and stock-raising. He is extensively engaged in the raising of sheep, and his business interests have been so managed that he has acquired a most comfortable competence. His farm, comprising 320 acres of rich land, is one of the best in the county.

Francis E. Carey was married November 23, 1854, in Salisbury, Vermont, to Matilda N. Jennings, a native of that place and a daughter of Lathrop and Eliza (Thomas) Jennings, the family being of English and Welsh descent. Five sons have been born to perpetuate the family name and bring honor to a family that has ever furnished most highly esteemed citizens of society. The eldest, Charles H., is followed by Clarence E., who is now living in Blue Earth City; Walter Scott, who operates the home farm; William F., a grain buyer of Elmore, Minnesota, and Lathrop M., a well-known carpenter of the county seat of Faribault county.

On the 22d of May, 1856, Charles H. Carey was born, and in 1867 he became a resident of Minnesota. The first eleven years of his life were passed in the county of his nativity, and in its public schools he began his education, which was completed in the schools of Blue Earth City. In May, 1879, an adventurous spirit, a desire to see more of the world, led him to enter upon an independent business career, —for hitherto he had carried on farming with his father,—and he went to California, where he spent a year and a half engaged in prospecting and merchandising. In the latter part of 1880 he returned home and continued there until 1882, at which time he began business for himself, dealing in hay in Blue Earth City. In the following year he built a residence in the village of Elmore, where he has since made his home, and the progress and material development of that place is very largely due to his efforts. At the time of his arrival here there were but two stores in

the village and but few residences. He has since been engaged in buying and putting up hay, and is now doing business on a large scale, his trade having reached extensive proportions. He is also a large stock dealer and has other commercial interests which make him one of the leading business men of his adopted county. About six years ago the Exchange Bank of Elmore was established by George W. Taylor, S. H. Taylor, C. H. Carey and *Z.* Roberts. The last named gentleman soon retired, and the business has since been conducted by Messrs. Taylor and Carey,—a solid financial institution whose conservative and safe methods inspire confidence and have gained a good volume of business. This company is also engaged in buying stock and shipping hay, and does an extensive business in the sale of agricultural implements.

On the 24th of January, 1884, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Carey and Miss Louise Constans, one of the six children of George and Annie (Rousch) Constans, of St. Paul, Minnesota, which city the lady claims as the place of her nativity. Their home is brightened by the presence of a little son, Mark Henry.

In politics Mr. Carey is a Republican of pronounced views, energetic and forceful, and in the counsels of his party his views and opinions are received with consideration and carry weight with them. He has been chosen a member of every county convention since coming to Elmore, and has also been a delegate to Congressional and State conventions. In local matters he is deeply interested and ever labors for the welfare of his town and county. For several years he has served as Supervisor, and at this writing is President of the village. He was the first man initiated in King David Lodge, No. 179, F. & A. M., is one of the most prominent members of the society, and is now acting as its Secretary. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. Carey is well known as one of the foremost among the broad-gauged and able business men of Faribault county, and is a citizen that Faribault county could ill afford to lose.

ROBERT G. GILLSON, of Minnesota Lake, a resident of Faribault county for thirty years, is a native of Lincolnshire, England, born November 2, 1852, a son of George and Mary (Gimber) Gillson, and is the third in the family of ten children, as follows: W. G., who was born in Lincolnshire, England, died in the forty-fifth year of his age; Mary E., who married W. H. Billington, is now deceased; Robert G., the next younger; James, born in New York, died in Dodge county, Wisconsin; Phoebe Ann, widow of Louis Goodchild; James Prior, a resident of Walnut Lake township, where he is engaged in farming with his brother Lafayette; Susanna Charlotte, who is the wife of John Scott, of Wells, Minnesota; Lafayette and and Janette, twins: the former is farming on the old homestead, while the latter is the wife of Williard Hunt, a farmer of Walnut Lake township; Bertha Amelia, who is the deceased wife of Joseph Allen, of Wells, Minnesota.

The father of our subject was a native of Lincolnshire, England, born in 1827. He was the first of the family to come to the United States, and for a time resided in New York, removing thence to Dodge county, Wisconsin. Politically he was a Republican, but never sought or held office.

He lost his life in a sawmill at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. His widow subsequently removed to Walnut Lake township, Faribault county, and on the 6th of March, 1895, celebrated her seventy-sixth birthday.

On the 18th of April, 1875, Robert Gillson was united in marriage with Miss Isabella M. Smith, a native of Fulton county, New York, born July 11, 1847. She is the daughter of Christopher and Betsey (Pedrick) Smith. On her father's side she is of Holland descent, and on her mother's side is of Scotch extraction. Her mother is yet living in Clark county, Wisconsin, and is now in the eighty-seventh year of her age. Her father died at the avanced age of ninety-six years. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Gillson was celebrated at Walnut Lake, Rev. Mr. Eldred, a Methodist divine, officiating. After their marriage the young couple moved to Minnesota Lake township, where they remained one year, Mr. Gillson conducting the farm belonging to his uncle John. They then went to Danville township and spent two years, returning to Minnesota Lake township, where they have since resided. Mr. Gillson, in addition to farming, for a period of six years represented the McCormick Machine Company. He was also for a time engaged with J. T. Clark, representing the Grover, Steele & Austin Buggy Company. On the 18th of October, 1891, he purchased the dray outfit of Oscar Barber, and has since been engaged in that line of business.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gillson: Marvin Edward, born January 21, 1878; and Rose Belle, born November 7, 1882.

While residing on the farm of his uncle John, in 1875, Mr. Gillson had two valuable gray horses taken from his stable. On discovering his loss he applied to Q. J. Adams, then Deputy Sheriff of Faribault county, and in his company started on a search for the thieves and stolen property. After nearly six weeks the Deputy Sheriff, who had covered several thousand miles of territory, abandoned the search. Through an advertisement in a St. Paul paper Mr. Gillson was led to believe that his horses were in Moorhead, Clay county, this State, near the Red river of the North. He at once went to St. Paul and there found his property, which he secured after a long parley with the man who had innocently purchased them. The thieves were captured and sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the Minnesota penitentiary. On his homeward trip, being out late in the evening of the first day, between Moorhead and Breckenridge, with the horses, he was twice fired upon, presumably by relatives of the thieves, but escaped injury.

Mr. Gillson is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and also of the Mordern Woodmen. Politically he is a Republican, and has served two terms as village Marshal. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church of Minnesota Lake.

GEORGE WESLEY OTT, one of the representative farmers and early settlers of Martin county, dates his residence here from 1867, and during the years which have since come and gone he has always lived at his present place of abode in Fairmont township. Mr. Ott is a western man, and his interests have always been identified with the Mississippi valley. He was born in Harrison county, Indiana, on the 12th of May, 1835, and comes of a family of German lineage. His

grandfather was a native of Kentucky and his father, Ninrod Ott, was a native of the same State. There he spent the days of his boyhood and youth and learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed more or less for some years. He removed from Kentucky to Indiana, and after residing for a time in Harrison county went to Menard county, Illinois, locating in Petersburg, where he still resides, at a very advanced age. His work through life has been blacksmithing and farming, and he has led a busy and useful life. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Purlina Gum, was born in Kentucky, and is a daughter of Jehu Gum, a native of the same State and an early settler of Indiana. This worthy couple are the parents of eleven children, of whom our subject is the third in order of birth.

George W. Ott remained in the Hoosier State until sixteen years of age, and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois, where he remained until coming to Minnesota. No event of special importance occurred during his boyhood and youth, which was quietly passed in his parents' home, midst play and work. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and has made that occupation his life work. As before stated he arrived in Minnesota in 1867, and located upon the farm which has since been his place of residence. He raised the first crop ever cultivated upon the farm, and with characteristic energy began to transform the wild land into rich and fertile fields. He now owns 230 acres, of which 100 acres is under the plow, the remainder of the land being pasture and meadow. In connection with general farming he carries on stock-raising, and keeps on hand a good grade of cattle, horses and hogs.

In Menard county, Illinois, Mr. Ott was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Haden Parker, who was born in Kentucky, and during her early girlhood went with her mother to Illinois. To them have been born three children, all sons,—Horatio Seymour, Jesse Monroe and George Henry; and the family circle yet remains unbroken. They have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the community and the Ott household is the abode of hospitality.

In political connection Mr. Ott is a Democrat, supporting by his ballot the men and measures of that party, but, though he takes an active interest in political affairs as every true American citizen should do, and keeps well informed on the issues of the day, he has never sought or desired political preferment. In his business dealings he has been very successful. His life has not been passed midst scenes of excitement, but following the even tenor of his way he has, by his straightforward dealing and honesty, won the confidence of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact, and has gained a comfortable competence, being now numbered among the substantial citizens of the community.

ED. WILLSON, an honored pioneer of Faribault county, and for many years a recognized and prominent factor in the commercial world of this locality, is a resident of Minnesota Lake. He is a native of Louisville, St. Lawrence county, New York, born November 7, 1842, and is a son of Samuel Warner Willson. He too was born in St. Lawrence county, on the old family homestead. His father, for whom he was named, emigrated to that county at an early day from New England. The region in which he settled was then primitive in-

deed, unmarked by few evidences of civilization, and in the midst of a dense timber belt he erected a log cabin in which he began life in true pioneer style. With characteristic energy he began felling the trees that the sunlight might fall upon his little home. In that county he was married, and of the union were born six sons and three daughters, including the father of our subject.

Samuel W. Willson, Jr., devoted much of his life to the carpenter's trade but also found time to till the acres of the old home place. Over a quarter of a century ago, he emigrated from the county of his nativity to Faribault county, Minnesota, settling on section 18, Minnesota Lake township, where he purchased of Samuel Cory a quarter section of land. There he made his home throughout his remaining days, his death occurring January 6, 1871. His remains were interred in Oak Grove cemetery of Danville, Blue Earth county, where a monument has been erected to his memory. In his political views he was a pronounced Democrat. In early life he married Lucy O. Hosmer, who was born in Louisville, New York, July 7, 1822, and to her husband she was a faithful companion and help-mate. She is still living in this county, at the age of seventy-two, and is in possession of all her faculties unimpaired. She holds membership in the Universalist Church, and her pure Christian life is well worthy of emulation. The eldest child of the family is E. D., of this sketch, with whom the mother resides. Ira, born April 26, 1845, died and was buried in Louisville, New York; William H., born October 2, 1848, in Louisville, now resides in Waverly township, Martin county, Minnesota, and is Postmaster of North Star post office. He was also candidate for the office of State Senator, was chairman of the Town Board of Supervisors and is a prominent citizen of the community in which he resides. He was also secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Martin county, and was County Superintendent of Schools of Sibley county, when a resident of Henderson, Minnesota. Elizabeth, the youngest of the family, was born October 4, 1850, and is the wife of E. O. Shoen, a carpenter of Goldsfield, Wright county, Iowa. He was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, for some years resided in Minnesota Lake and for four years past has lived at his present place of abode.

E. D. Willson, the immediate subject of this review, remained with his parents during his boyhood and youth, accompanied them to the Gopher State and allied his business interests with his father's, supplementing the latter's labors with his own and working with him for the interests and support of the family. He was married June 6, 1865, to Miss Sarah Deuel, a daughter of Cornelius Deuel, of Louisville, New York, where Mrs. Willson was born, October 29, 1845. Her mother is still living and has now reached the advanced age of eighty-five years. The children born of the union of our subject and his estimable wife are the following: Ira, who was born September 5, 1866, and died August 26, 1867, being laid to rest in the cemetery in Louisville, New York, where sleeps so many of his ancestors; Lulu C., who was born in Minnesota Lake, March 18, 1869, is now the wife of John Sill, an agriculturist, who is now living near Grant's Pass, Oregon, whither he went for the benefit of his health; and Edna, who was born May 20, 1877, and is still under the parental roof. There are also two little grandchildren, Elda and Lloyd Sill, the former now in her seventh year,

the latter in his fifth year. They are bright, interesting children, and are now sharing the home of their grandparents,—the light and joy of the household.

Few men are better or more favorably known than E. D. Willson. He began life at the lowest round of the ladder and has steadily worked his way upward until he has gathered the fruits that can be obtained only by climbing. He long followed farming and his successfully conducted affairs made him one of the leading agriculturists of the community. For many years he also engaged in threshing, and in this way added not a little to his income. About six years since he removed to Minnesota Lake and is now a member of the firm of Townsend & Willson, dealers in flour, grain and machinery. In connection with his other property he owns the beautiful drug store in Minnesota Lake, and has several hundred acres of valuable land in Minnesota Lake township. All has been acquired through his own efforts, and demonstrates what can be accomplished through industry, energy and perseverance. Near his warehouse he has a pretty and comfortable home and his days are now spent in comparative ease. He, however, will never be an idle man, for his nature is too enterprising and energetic. He has served his fellow citizens as a member of the Town Board of Supervisors, also served as its chairman, but has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking, preferring to give the greater part of his time and attention to his business interests and the enjoyment of his home. He votes with the Democratic party, but is not an aggressive politician. In the Ancient Order of United Workmen he takes an active interest and is one of the charter members of Minnesota Lake Lodge, No. 131. He is recognized as one of the most honored pioneers of this section of the State, and his well spent life has gained for him the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact. Pleasant and genial in manner, his friends are many and all have for him the highest regard.

SOREN NIELSEN, an influential and respected citizen of Petersburg township, has resided in Jackson county for eleven years. He was born in Denmark October 11, 1833, and is a son of Niels Lauridsen and Mette (Gregersen) Nielsen and is the fifth in the family of nine children, as follows: Ingeborg, yet residing in the old country; Laurids, also in his native land; Gregis, who emigrated to America in 1870, located on Manhattan island, where he died. He was a sexton in the famous Greenwood cemetery. Mary died in her native land. Soren is the next younger. Abbelone still makes his home in Denmark. Merton died abroad. Christian, who is one of the substantial business men of Brooklyn, New York, conducts a large carriage manufactory. He has been a resident of the Empire State since 1865. Neils is still living in Denmark.

The good Christian father of our subject was born in Denmark and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He was a members of the Danish Lutheran Church and died in the fifty-second year of his age. His wife died in her native land, in the fifty-seventh year of her age.

Soren Nielsen was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the common schools in the neighborhood of his birth-place. On the 18th of October, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Mette

George A. Baines.

Marine, a native of Denmark, a daughter of Thue and Carrie (Sorenson) Hansen, born November 15, 1836. They have had six children,—the first four in Denmark and the others in Brooklyn, New York. Carrie is now the wife of Hans Lauridson, of Laramie City, Wyoming. Her first husband was Anders Peter Hansen, who died in Omaha, Nebraska. Mette Johanne is the wife of Henry Olsen of Jackson. Nils Lauridson is a farmer of Petersburg township. The fourth child, Thue, died in infancy and was buried in Greenwood cemetery, of Brooklyn, New York. Mathias Adolf resides on the old homestead. Theodore died in Brooklyn, New York, and was laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery.

The father of Mrs. Nielsen, Thue Hansen, died when seventy-five years of age. Her mother passed away when the daughter was but ten years old. They were both devout members of the Danish Lutheran Church.

On the 4th of May, 1873, Mr. Nielsen with his family sailed from Copenhagen, Denmark, and after a voyage of thirty days landed in New York. They came to this country on a steamer of the Inman line, named the New York. Arriving on Manhattan island, a brother of our subject met them at Castle Garden and took them to his residence in Brooklyn. Before coming Mr. Nielsen had served an apprenticeship to bricklaying and carpentering, and on his arrival here commenced work at bricklaying, which he followed for about six months and then worked about four months at carpentering. After this he entered the carriage works where his brother was employed as foreman, spending seven years there. After an illness of his wife and indisposition of himself they determined to come West with the hope of enjoying better health. They first located at Omaha, Nebraska, where they remained about three years engaged in hotel keeping. In 1883, through the influence of Mr. Johnson, Mr. Nielsen determined to purchase a farm in Petersburg township, Jackson county, Minnesota. On this farm, which is located on section 11, he has since resided and made many improvements. During the eleven years of his residence here he has secured many warm friends and has won the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. No one ever doubted his integrity and honesty and all the business and representative men of of Jackson know that his word is as good as his bond.

Politically he is independent, and has served in several local offices. He is a warm friend of the public schools and is ever ready to do all in his power for the advancement of his adopted town and county. The family are members of the Danish Lutheran Church, and Mr. Nielsen is also a member of the Knights of Honor.

GEORGE A. BARNES, deceased, settled in Wells in the spring of 1871, and from that time until his death was closely identified with her growth and progress. In social and business circles he was prominent, and as a citizen he was most valued. In the history of this section of Minnesota he well deserves honorable mention, and to this family and the many friends he left behind we respectfully dedicate this record.

Born in the old town of Newton, now a part of Boston, Massachusetts, on the 17th of January, 1822, he was the youngest in a family of six children whose parents were

Andrew and Sarah (Dean) Barnes. The Barnes family is of English origin and was one of the first to locate in Boston. The great-grandfather of our subject was a sea captain and the grandfather and father were prominent merchants in Boston for many years. The latter died when George A. was only six months old. In the public schools of his native city,—the center of learning in this country,—he received a most excellent education, and when his school life was ended he served an apprenticeship at the furrier's trade. In 1842, when twenty years of age, he went to Manchester, New Hampshire, and erected a building at the corner of Elm and Hanover streets, and extensively engaged in the manufacture of hats, caps and fur articles, and did a lucrative business in that line for twenty-seven years, in connection with which was extensively engaged in the mercantile business.

On the 30th of August, 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Jane Stevens, a native of Manchester and daughter of Hibbard and Eliza (Nutt) Stevens, both of whom were born and reared in Manchester, and a part of that beautiful city now stands on the farm which was formerly owned by Mr. Stevens. The Stevens family came from England to America many years prior to the Revolutionary war, and the great-grandfather of Mrs. Barnes was a soldier in the French and Indian war. It is very probable that the grandfather was one of the heroes of the Revolution, for he was a very patriotic man. The Nutt family also came from England in early Colonial days.

After an era of successful business in the old Granite State, in 1869 Mr. Barnes and his wife bade adieu to their old home in the East and removed to Green Bay, Wisconsin. Soon after, however, they took up their residence in Minneapolis, Minnesota, whence they came to Wells in 1871. At that time this now flourishing city was a small village with little promise of future development, and it is due to the enterprise and energy of such men as Mr. Barnes that it is now the second city in the county. He was public-spirited to an eminent degree and always did much in behalf of the national interests and general welfare of his resident community. No interest calculated to promote the general welfare sought his help in vain, and he may truly be numbered among the benefactors of Faribault, his adopted county.

The business which engaged the attention of Mr. Barnes after coming to Wells was that of insurance, real estate and loans, and in his undertakings he prospered, winning as the result of perseverance, resolute purpose, good management and business ability, a handsome competence. He also served the people of this community as Justice of Peace for many years.

In his political views Mr. Barnes was first an old-line Whig, and upon the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks and was ever afterward one of its stalwart supporters. While in New Hampshire he was regarded as one of the leaders of the party in the community which was his home, and wielded a great influence in its behalf, but owing to his large business interests could never be induced to accept office. This influence was also felt after his arrival in Minnesota, and he was invariably called upon to preside at all public gatherings and political meetings, for he understood parliamentary law usages and was a dignified and capable presiding officer. Socially he was a member of Lafayette Lodge, F. & A. M., of Manchester, New Hamp-

shire. At the age of seventeen he united with the old Federal Street Baptist Church, of Boston, and ever afterward adhered to that faith. His life was in harmony with his professions, and many acts of kindness and deeds of charity did he perform in a quiet, unassuming manner, after the example of Him who said, "Let not your right hand know what your left hand doeth." Of large brain and kindly heart, he was interesting and instructive in conversation, courteous and genial in deportment and a true gentleman at all times. In the various relations of life, whether as a citizen, merchant or Christian, was always faithful and true, and on no part of his life was there a mark of wrong or a suspicion of evil doing. For four years prior to his death he was a sufferer from paralysis, but bore all with Christian fortitude and at last passed peacefully away,—called to the home prepared for the righteous,—October 21, 1892.

He died leaving a widow and one son to mourn his loss. The latter, George A. Barnes, is now engaged in the machinery business at Wells, and is the only male representative of one of the oldest American families. Mrs. Barnes still resides in Wells and is honored by all who know her. Like her husband, she is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and like him delights in doing good. Her friends are many and have been won by the many excellencies of her character.

BENJAMIN ADAMS, a farmer of section 9, Pleasant Prairie township, was born in Oxfordshire, England, May 12, 1842, a son of George Adams, a native of the same place. He came to America in 1851, locating on a farm in Douglas county, Wisconsin, where he remained until his death, at the age of sixty-five years. The mother of our subject, *nee* Ann Walker, also a native of England, died in the town of Lowell, Douglas county, at the age of sixty-three years. They were the parents of thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: James, Edward (a soldier in the late war, now deceased), Susan, Benjamin, Thomas (deceased), Alfred, George W., Annie E., Martha, Sarah, William (who was killed in the army), and Joseph.

Benjamin Adams, the subject of this sketch, came to America with his parents at the age of nine years, and was reared in Wisconsin. In 1863 he enlisted in Company C, Sixteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the struggle. At the battle of Kingston he narrowly escaped death. Receiving his discharge at Davenport, Iowa, in the fall of 1865, Mr. Adams returned to his home in Wisconsin. In 1863 he purchased the farm he now owns in Martin county, Minnesota, on which he located in 1865, being one of the early pioneers of the township. His first residence was a small log cabin, built in 1866. In an early day he successfully followed trapping, and since then has been engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He now owns 540 acres of good farming land, all in one body, on which he has made all the improvements. In political matters Mr. Adams acts with the Republican party. He has been a member of the Board of Supervisors eleven years and a member of the School Board eight years.

In 1865, in Wisconsin, our subject was united in marriage with Hannah Nickerson, who was born and reared in New York. To this union have been born thirteen children,

viz.: Susan, deceased; Laura A., wife of Adelbert Moore, of Martin county; George H., of Dakota; Alpheus, deceased; William E., at home; Joseph A.; Edsill, deceased; Susan; Jennie B.; Sidney L.; James A.; Frederick, and Cora A.

A. C. LANE, one of the pioneers of Faribault county, is well-known through this part of Minnesota, the date of his first arrival here being in July, 1857, the day of the memorable Spirit Lake massacre in Iowa. We take pleasure in presenting the following sketch of his life in this work.

Mr. Lane was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, April 10, 1832, son of Amos and Lucy (Sanders) Lane, the former a native of New York, and the latter born at the foot of Bald Mountain in Vermont. Amos Lane was a mechanic, a worker in hardwood. He died in Cattaraugus county, New York, at the age of forty-seven years, leaving a widow and eight children, four sons and four daughters, viz.: Augustus C., Harry Cyler, deceased, William, Mehetabel, Amos L., Sarah, died in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Mandy, Malissa and Caroline. The mother still lives at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, at the advanced age of eighty-five years.

A. C. Lane was reared in his native State, his early life being spent in work on the farm and in the lumber woods. When he was twenty-one he came West to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, making the journey from New York on horseback, via Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago and Milwaukee. He assisted in making the first brick that were used in building the wing of the prison at Waupun. He then made a visit to Dodge county, Minnesota, and soon afterward returned East, and spent ten months in New York. At the end of that time he came back to Wisconsin and Minnesota. In 1857, as above stated, he arrived in this county, and here he took claim to a tract of land on section 18, Verona township, where he resided two years, and then sold out and returned to Waupun, Wisconsin, remaining there two years. In 1860 he took up his abode in Blue Earth county, and was there in 1863 at the time of the massacre at New Ulm, which horrible affair he witnessed. The year 1863 he spent in Waupun, Wisconsin, and in 1864 he settled on his present farm, at first living in a log cabin. His nice farm of 200 acres is now well improved with cottage home, good barn and granary, and a six-acre grove.

Mr. Lane was married, in 1860, to Miss Elizabeth Fairbanks, a native of Cattaraugus county, New York, daughter of Theopolis Fairbanks and Susan *nee* Sykes, both natives of New England, and both deceased, her father passing away at the age of eighty years, and her mother at eighty-two. They had fourteen children, viz.: Apollos, Frinda, Dorcas, Evaline, James, Wesley, Roseppa, Semando, Elizabeth, Sarah, Elijah, Julia, Mary, and Alfred. Mr. and Mrs. Lane have five children, record of whom is as follows: Minnie, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Sarah, wife of Melvin Foss, of this township, has four children,—James, Stella, Cyril and Cecil, twins; Semando, who married Cora Hack, and they have one son, Severn D.; Alton, who married Miss Glee Wise; and Charlie.

Mr. Lane is an ardent Prohibitionist, and for twenty-five years he and his good wife have been active members of the Protestant Methodist Church, he serving as a Class leader twenty years of this time. In

1895 they united with the Freewill Baptist. He has also been active and earnest in Sabbath-school work for many years. This worthy couple have experienced both the hardships and the pleasures of pioneer life, their hospitality has been unbounded, and they are well-known to a large circle of friends, including both the early settlers and those who came later. During their life on this farm they have suffered from wet and drouth and grasshoppers, and while they have had many discouragements they have bravely met and overcome them all, and are now enjoying that peace and prosperity which comes after faithful, honest toil.

JAMES F. HILL, who owns and occupies a fine farm three miles southwest of Winnebago City, Minnesota, is one of the respected citizens of Faribault county. He was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1850, son of Felix and Julia Ann (Hoover) Hill, natives of New York. Both his grandfathers, Ira Hill and Cornelius Hoover, were also natives of the Empire State. After their marriage, Felix Hill and his wife settled in Bradford county, Pennsylvania. Some years later they returned to New York, and in 1856 moved out west to Wisconsin, coming via the lakes, and locating on a farm in Green Lake county. There they resided until 1863. That year, bent on securing a home still further west, they came over into Minnesota and located on a tract of wild land in Verona township, Faribault county, the journey hither being made with ox teams. Here Felix Hill developed a valuable farm, and on it passed the closing years of his life and died, his death occurring in 1887, at the age of sixty-four years. His widow still resides at the old home place. He was a man of many sterling characteristics, and was a true pioneer. In politics, he was a Democrat; fraternally, was identified with the I. O. O. F., No. 30, of Winnebago City. The children composing his family are as follows: Ira C.; Roscoe, South Dakota; James F.; Sarah E. Park, for some years a popular teacher, is now a resident of Martin county, Minnesota; Orpha Hall, of this township; Louis A., a farmer of this township; Josephine Colton, of Martin county; W. H.; and Charles M., on the home farm.

James F. Hill was thirteen years of age at the time of their removal to Minnesota. Here and in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, he received his education in the district schools. In 1877 he purchased his present farm of Charles Ring, it having very few improvements upon it at that time. Here he has lived and prospered for sixteen years. The small frame residence that was here when he took possession, now serves as a granary, and in its stead is a modern, two-story dwelling, located on a natural building site, and overlooking a broad and beautiful farming region. This house was erected in 1892.

Mr. Hill was married December 11, 1878, in Blue Earth City, to Jeannette L. Ring, a native of Clayton county, Iowa, and a daughter of David Ring, a native of Maine, and now a resident of Winnebago City, Minnesota. Her mother, *nee* Susan Pardee, was born in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Ring are the parents of seven children: Mrs. Hill, C. W., George W., Frank, Ethel, Merton, and Nelly. Mr. Hill and his wife have four children,—Howard J., Arthur W., Laurence M. and Mary F.

Mr. Hill supports the Republican party

and has served his fellow citizens as Supervisor of the county and president of the School Board. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

PATRICK CORCORAN, one of the highly esteemed citizens of Easton, is now living a retired life, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. His life has been an industrious one, and his energy, perseverance and good management have brought to him a comfortable competence. His pretty home in Easton stands as a monument to his labor and is a haven of rest to him in his declining years.

This gentleman was born and reared on the beautiful isle of Erin. He opened his eyes to the light of day February 2, 1826, as the fourth child in a family of twelve born to John and Bridget (Donnelly) Corcoran. The parents, too, were born there, and the children were all natives of that land. James, the eldest, died in New York city when about fifty years of age; Mary became the wife of Frank Fielden, a soldier of the Mexican war, and both have now passed away; Margaret wedded John Sullivan and died in Ulster county, New York; Patrick is the next younger; Peter, who was a soldier of the late war, died in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin; Thomas died in Ulster county, New York; Michael, who has been a thrifty, hard-working man, is now living retired in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; William is a stone-cutter residing in Ulster county; John died in New York city a few years since; Richard, who was determined to enter the service of his adopted country during the Civil war, was prevented by his sweetheart, who went after him and made him return, shortly after which they were married, and she is now his widow, his death having occurred in Ulster county; Mathew, who was a stone-cutter, died in the South; and Frank, who was one of the boys in blue in the war of the Rebellion, fell at the battle of Fair Oaks, July 3, 1862. The father of this family spent his entire life in the land of his nativity, and was both a farmer and mechanic. He was born in county Meath, and died there at the age of sixty years. His wife, who was born in the same county in 1800, left Ireland in 1852 and sailed from Liverpool to New York, accompanied by her sons, Frank and John. She continued her journey to Ulster county, New York, where her son Patrick was living, and she made her home with her children during her remaining years. She lived part of the time with our subject, who in 1873 went to the East and brought her to his home in Faribault county. Her death occurred at the home of her son Peter in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, when in the eightieth year of her age. She was a tender and loving mother, and her children will ever hold her in grateful remembrance.

In the land of his birth Patrick Corcoran spent the first nineteen years of his life, and in the public schools obtained his education. He then determined to seek a home in the "land of the free" and embarked on the three-mast sailing vessel Frank Corniac, which in the English Channel had a collision with another vessel and its bows were stove in and it was towed into harbor for repairs. Again weighing anchor, it sailed the Atlantic in six weeks, again reaching New York harbor. Our subject went to the home of his brother James, who had previously come to the United States, and se-

cured work at polishing steel, but after six weeks he went to Ulster county, New York, where he served an apprenticeship to the stone mason's trade.

It was while there that Mr. Corcoran met and eloped with his employer's daughter, a young lady of sixteen years, and by the parish priest in Chambers street church, New York, Patrick Corcoran and Miss Mary Elizabeth Corcoran were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the date of this important event being September 3, 1848. Her father was very indignant, but found that the young couple's happiness depended upon their union, and forgiveness followed. Unlike many elopements, this has resulted in true happiness, and for almost half a century the worthy pair have traveled life's journey together, their mutual confidence and love increasing as the years have passed, and together they have shared the prosperity and adversity, the sorrows and joys, which checker the arena of every one's life. Their home has been blessed with the presence of fourteen children, five sons and nine daughters, as follows: Bridget, born July 5, 1849, died in infancy; Margaret, born October 30, 1850, died in her second year; John, born October 30, 1852, died in Faribault county, in the twenty-second year of his age; James D., born January 7, 1855, is a grain-buyer of Minnesota Lake; Mary Ann, born August 2, 1857, is the wife of Modus Lutz, a farmer of Barbara township, Faribault county; Ellen, born June 15, 1859, is the wife of Joseph Lutz, a cousin of Modus, and a resident of South Dakota; Richard, born July 19, 1860, is engaged in teaming in Easton; Teressa, born August 2, 1862, is the wife of William Terhurne, proprietor of a saloon of Easton; William H., born Sebtember 9, 1864, wedded Anna Moran, a native of Watertown, Wisconsin, and a graded-school teacher, and they are now living in St. James, Minnesota; Eliza, born January 3, 1867, is the wife of Martin Leary, of Walnut Lake township; Lucy, born December 31, 1868, is the wife of Mervil Peterson, of Minnesota Lake; Loretta, born February 28, 1871, is the wife of C. W. Mead, editor of the Tribune of Minnesota Lake; Alice, born May 19, 1873, died in the eighth year of her age; and one child died in infancy. This is an interesting family, bringing credit upon their parents, who may be justly proud of their sons and daughters, now valued citizens of the respective communities in which they reside.

The mother of this family was born in county Meath, Ireland, September 14, 1832, and is a daughter of Patrick and Bridget (Carrolin) Corcoran, who were the parents of ten children, two sons and eight daughters, the two youngest born in America. In order of birth they are as follows: Margaret; Peter; Jane, deceased; Mrs. Corcoran, of this sketch; Bridget; Ann, a widow; Catherine, of New York city; Patrick; Alice and Eliza, both deceased. The father was born in county Meath, Ireland, March 17, 1800, and the mother was born February 12, 1804. Mrs. Corcoran, wife of our subject, now has in her possession an old Bible—a family heirloom—which contains a record of her father's family in a fine hand-writing equal to that of the most expert penman. He was a man of more than ordinary attainments and his life was well spent. He died in Ulster county, New York, April 11, 1860, and his most estimable wife, who survived him several years, passed away August 12, 1876.

The year 1864 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Corcoran and his family in Faribault

county. He located in Barbara township, and began farming and stock-raising, which he followed with excellent success for a quarter of a century. As his financial resources increased, as the result of his earnest efforts, he added to his farm until his landed possessions aggregated 520 acres, and he still retains possession of 200 acres. He has disposed of part of his property, wishing to live retired, and in 1889 he came to Easton, where he has since made his home. He and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Easton, and he is prominently identified with the moral and intellectual welfare of the community. Reared in the green Isle of Erin, crossing the Atlantic when a young man, securing a start in life at hard labor and after working steadily at farming, he is now resting in the evening of life, and by his side is the faithful companion who left father and mother to share his fortunes and his name forty-seven years ago.

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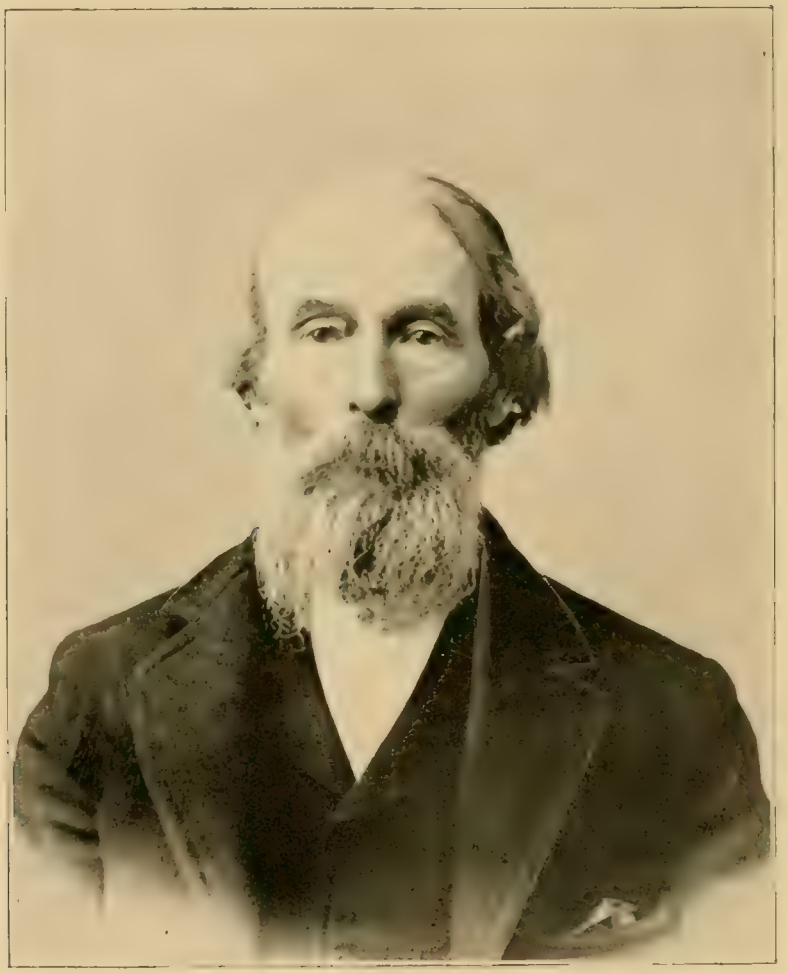
CHARLES ROE is a self-made man who has won success in life through persistent effort, good management and fine business ability. He makes his home on section 24, Nashville township, Martin county, and is accounted one of the leading farmers of the community. Of English birth, he claims Bedfordshire as the place of his nativity, and the date January 19, 1834. He comes of an old family of that country and is a son of Mark Roe, also a native of England and a farmer by occupation, who spent his entire life in the land of his birth. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Nancy Barnett, was born in the same place and has also passed away. In their family were eight children, seven of whom reached years of maturity, but none, save our subject, became residents of America.

No event of special importance occurred during the childhood and youth of Charles Roe, and he began to earn his livelihood by work as a chore and errand boy. From an early age he has depended upon his own resources, and at the age of twenty years he sought home and fortune in America. The accounts which he heard of the privileges and opportunities here afforded young men led to his emigration. He had to borrow the money to pay his passage, and arrived with only two English shillings in his pocket. The vessel in which he sailed dropped anchor in the harbor of New York, and he made his way to Auburn, in the Empire State, removing thence to Huron county, Ohio, where he remained for several years, but the new and unsettled West attracted him, and the year 1863 witnessed his arrival in Minnesota. His first home was in Rice county, which he occupied until 1864, when he came to Nashville township, Martin county, and secured a claim on section 24, upon which he built a plank house 16 x 24 feet, also adding other improvements as his time and means would allow, until he has transformed the once wild and barren land into one of the finest farms in this section of the State. He continued its operation until 1886, when he removed to the farm adjoining the one on which he now resides. He now owns 420 acres of land, which is divided into fields of convenient size, and the waving grain gives evidence of abundant harvests and tells of the careful supervision of the owner. Farming and stock-raising has been his principal occupation, and he is a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Martin county.



C. B. Tenney.

Mr. Roe was married in 1864 to Miss Mary Ann Reed who was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, March 23, 1846, and is a daughter of Freeman W. and Lucina (Cole) Reed. Her parents were both natives of New York State. They became pioneer settlers of Rock county, and were parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Roe is the second in order of birth. Fifteen children formed the family of our subject and his wife, namely: Alice, wife of William Moore, by whom she has one child, Leo Russell; Mary, wife of Frank Adams, by whom she has one child, Harry; Minnie, at home; Charles and Henry, twins; Annabel, wife of Albert Bottomley, Barnett; Edith; Grace; Mable; John; Bertha and Burton, twins, both deceased; Lucy; and Archie, deceased. All were born in Martin county and twelve of the family are yet living. The household is noted for its hospitality and its members rank high in social circles, their friends throughout the community being many.

In his political relations Mr. Roe is a Republican. He cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, on the organization of the party, and has supported most of the candidates of that party, but for some years has been independent. For the long period of twenty years he has served as a member of the School Board, and has done effective service for the cause of education, believing it an important factor in producing good government. His earnest Christian life is worthy the emulation of all, and in the Master's vineyard he has been a faithful laborer. He holds membership with the United Brethren Church, and is Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He contributes liberally to the support of the church, sparing neither time nor means from the advancement of the cause. He has walked in the path of rectitude, and the community in which he has so long resided recognizes him as one of its best citizens.

O B. TENNEY, who successfully carries on farming on section 13, Lura township, Faribault county, is a native of the Empire State. He was born in the town of Ontario, Wayne county, New York, December 9, 1828, and is a son of Meshach and Eliza S. (Bush) Tenney, being the second in their family of sixteen children. The father was born in the town of Hancock, Hillsboro county, New Hampshire, July 22, 1792, and died at the age of seventy-six years. His father, Daniel Tenney, was a soldier in the war of 1812 and departed this life in the old Granite State. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, was a very fine penman, and when in the army his services were required to make a sketch of one of the battles.

The Tenney family is of English origin and was founded in America in the early part of the seventeenth century by Thomas Tenney, who was one of a party of twenty families who crossed the Atlantic in the autumn of 1638, arriving in Salem, Massachusetts, in December. The Tenneys had lived in Rowley, on the Yorkshire Wolds in the East Riding of the county of York, England. Thomas Tenney first settled in Salem, but spent his declining years at Bradford, Massachusetts, where his death occurred February 20, 1699. His son, Deacon John Tenney, was born December 14, 1640, and died April 13, 1722. The next in the line of direct descent, Samuel Tenney, was born in Bradford, Massachusetts, November 20, 1667, and passed away February 3, 1747. Samuel Tenney, of the fourth generation, was

born in Bradford, Massachusetts, now Groveland, December 17, 1697, and departed this life in Littleton, Massachusetts, in 1777. His son, Samuel, was born in Bradford, May 25, 1725, and died in Hancock, New Hampshire, February 11, 1795. He was the father of Daniel Tenney, who was born in Littleton, July 7, 1756, and died in Hancock, March 24, 1812. The next of the family also bore the name of Daniel, and was born in Marlborough, New Hampshire, March 11, 1788, while his death occurred in Juneau, Wisconsin, September 21, 1849. Shadrack Tenney, the second son of Daniel Tenney, of the seventh generation, was born in Marlborough, New Hampshire, April 16, 1790, and died in Ontario, Wayne county, New York, December 15, 1868.

Meshach Tenney, the father of our subject, was reared on a farm and followed agricultural pursuits through much of his life. On his removal to Ontario, New York, he became interested in the iron ore mines and there remained until his removal to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, in 1854. He there purchased an eighty-acre tract of land, partly timber and partly prairie, bought a house which he removed to the farm and there he carried on agricultural pursuits until the fall of 1864, when he came to Minnesota. Here his remaining days were passed and in the community he was accounted a valued citizen.

Meshach was first married in Vermont, the lady of his choice being Phœbe Crane, of New Hampshire, and to them was born a son, Nathan C., who went to St. Johns, New Mexico, where he met his death. On a certain occasion there arose some trouble between the Mexicans and cowboys, and while trying to quell the riot he was killed by a bullet intended for another, that came from the gun of a cowboy firing from the window of an adobe house. He was noted for his bravery and fearlessness and his noble qualities of mind and heart. The surviving children born to the parents of our subject are: H. D., who came with his parents to Faribault county in 1864 and is now living in Spring Valley, Fillmore county, Minnesota; S. B., a practicing physician of South Dakota; Nancy A., widow of George Booth and a resident of Lane county, Oregon; Eber J., who is now a preacher of the Mormon faith and resides in Ramah, Valencia county, New Mexico; Avarilla, wife of James Ivers, an honored veteran of the late war, now residing in Baileyville, Nemaha county, Kansas; Ann Augusta, wife of John Goff, a farmer of Mapleton township, Blue Earth county, Minnesota; Sally F., wife of Horatio Wickes, of Cottonwood county, Minnesota; George, who now owns and operates the Tenney homestead on which his brother Ambrose located ere the family came to the West and on which he and his parents all spent their last days; and Lovina, wife of Nathan Frakes, who is owner of a large stock ranch of Warner, Lake county, Oregon.

O. B. Tenney was reared and educated in his native State, and in 1850 first started westward. He made his way to Fond du Lac county, where he had relatives living, among whom was Acy F. Bush, an uncle,—one of the pioneers of Racine county, but who later moved to Fond du Lac county. In the fall of 1850 he returned to Wayne county, New York. Mr. Bush had prospered in his pioneer home and advised our subject to persuade his father to come to the Badger State. Before doing this the father had contracted to clear fifteen acres of land, and that work was performed by our subject

and his brothers, H. D. and Ambrose. Through the instrumentality of Mr. Bush, O. B. Tenney secured eighty acres of land in Alto township and began to make a farm, transforming the wild land into rich and fertile fields. He erected good buildings and so increased the value of the property that when he was ready to sell in the fall of 1864 he secured the price of $3,200. He came at once to Faribault county and purchased the farm of Charles Marples, where he now resides. The place to-day is adorned with a beautiful natural grove of twenty-five acres, and on it are two flowing wells, one on the north side of the farm and the other in the milk-house. His pleasant and substantial residence was erected in 1884. There are good barns and other improvements upon the place, and these are surrounded by fields of waving grain.

On the 15th of October, 1854, Mr. Tenney married Lovicy A. Booth, daughter of Isaiah and Hannah Booth, the wedding being celebrated in Wayne county, New York. The lady was born May 28, 1836, and became the mother of three children: Sylvester, who was born December 2, 1855, and died January 30, 1856, being interred in Fond du Lac county; Ellen Jane, born May 27, 1857, the wife of Edwin Cook, a farmer living four miles west of Wells, Minnesota; and Mittie T., who was born October 7, 1859, and became the wife of Albert Herring, who died December 18, 1885, at his home in Walnut Lake township. Their daughter, May, now resides with her grandfather, Mr. Tenney, while Florence is living with George Herring in Cottonwood county, Minnesota; and one child died in infancy. The mother was married a second time, being now the wife of J. T. Hammett, a painter, residing in Mankato, Minnesota. Mr. Tenney lost his first wife in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, her death occurring May 28, 1863. On the 21st of May, 1865, he wedded Dette Maxson, daughter of Austin and Melissa Maxson. She was born in the Badger State, December 4, 1847, and of this marriage four children were born: Edith May, who was born August 30, 1867, has been a successful school-teacher of Faribault county and is now the wife of Arthur Cook, who for the last twelve years has been station agent and operator on the Omaha Railroad and is now serving in that capacity in Mountain Lake, Cottonwood county; Kittie I., born April 19, 1874, has also been a school-teacher and is now the wife of Frank Baxter, a farmer of Cottonwood county; Oliver De Estaing, born April 19, 1874, is a well-known and popular young man of Mountain Lake, where he is serving as assistant in the railroad office; and Helen Permelia, born October 17, 1876, now a school-teacher of Mountain Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Tenney obtained a legal separation January 21, 1889, and she has since married John Brennan. On the 6th of September, 1890, Mr. Tenney wedded Mrs. Cordelia A. Bennett, a daughter of Henry P. and Hannah (Chase) Brown, born November 25, 1837, in Parishville, St. Lawrence county, New York. Her father was born in Windsor, Vermont, in 1814, and with his parents removed to the Empire State. In 1867 he took up his residence in Mankato, this State, but his death occurred in Potsdam, New York, May 19, 1888. He was a thirty-third degree Scottish rite Mason,—one of the highest orders in the United States. His wife, who was born in Windsor, Vermont, May 6, 1813, went to the Empire State in the same year as her husband, and died

in St. Lawrence county, April 17, 1858. The present Mrs. Tenney is the eldest of six children, one son and five daughters, of whom three are now living. Her brother, Ira, lost his life on board the North America, December 18, 1863. Her first marriage, to Mr. Bennett, was celebrated in Potsdam, January 29, 1862. Mr. Bennett was born December 7, 1822, and died in Winnebago City, Minnesota, December 27, 1885. He also was a thirty-third-degree Scottish rite Mason. They became the parents of five children, two yet living. Jennie, the elder, was born in Mankato, this State, August 9, 1867, was graduated at the Normal School of that city in 1886, successfully followed teaching for a time, and is now the wife of John Johnston, Jr., of Mapleton, Minnesota. James I. Bennett was born October 1, 1869, in Mankato, and is now the one-half owner of the Rocky Flour Mill of that place. He wedded Miss Mamie Nelson, of Winnebago City.

Mr. Tenney has served on the Town Board of Supervisors, and as Appraiser of the school lands. He supported Pierce for the presidency and since the organization of the Republican party has been one of its stalwart advocates. His wife holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church. These worthy people have many friends in Faribault county, and our subject is numbered among the pioneers who laid the foundations for the prosperity and progress of the county.

CHARLES L. COLBY, a very popular druggist of Jackson, Minnesota, claims Denmark as the land of his birth, which occurred on the 23d of March, 1861. He is the son of C. M. and Caroline (Ostergord) Colby. He emigrated to America in the twenty-fifth year of his age, sailing from Copenhagen to Boston on the steamship Capolonia, leaving Copenhagen August 22, and arriving at Boston September 11, 1882. He continued his journey westward to Albert Lea, Minnesota, where his uncle, Peter Colby, resided. On his arrival at Albert Lea he engaged with the drug firm of Wedge, Spicer & Jensen. This was in the spring of 1883, and there he spent a year and a half. Leaving that place, he went to Lanesboro, Minnesota, where he continued in the drug store of Cook & Hawley. Here he met and married Miss Mary Blicker, —the wedding ceremony being performed at the home of Hans Clausen, on the 15th of August, 1885. Three children have been born of this union, namely: Martha, born June 3, 1887, in Lanesboro, Fillmore county; Hans, born November 30, 1889, in Jackson; and one child who died in infancy.

Mr. Colby came to Jackson in the fall of 1886 and shortly after secured a position in the drug store of J. W. Cowing, and after a service of two years and two months bought out his employer. He rented a store-room from Mr. Cowing, in which he carried on the business for one year, and then moved into H. G. Anderson's buliding, formerly occupied by the Berge Brothers as a general store. He has now one of the largest and neatest drug stores in Jackson county. In addition to the general drug business he carries a fine line of wall paper, stationery, perfumes, paints, oils, and in fact every article usually found in a store of this kind. He is a thorough business man and a competent druggist. With his family Mr. Colby resides in a very pretty residence on one of the thoroughfares of Jackson. His wife is an accomplished lady of pleasing address,

a native of Denmark. She has excellent ability as an artist, and in her beautiful home are some rare specimens of art. Her father was a portrait painter, and Mrs. Colby inherited from him her marked artistic taste. She is also an accomplished vocalist. Mr. Colby has ability as a musician, and in his home is an instrument made in Copenhagen and imported by him some years ago. His daughter Martha has developed considerable talent both in vocal and instrumental music. Mr. Colby is a member of Good Faith Lodge, No. 90, F. & A. M.

GEORGE A. BRADFORD, the efficient and popular Clerk of the Courts of Watonwan county, now living in Madelia, is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Switzerland county, on the 28th of June, 1847. He traces his ancestry back in a direct line to Governor Bradford, of Massachusetts, and still farther back to the nobility of England. The grandfather of our subject, William Bradford, was a native of Massachusetts, and in early life came West with his father's family, who settled in Indiana, —one of the first families in Switzerland county. While *en route* he stopped for one season on the farm of William Henry Harrison, afterward President of the United States, and there raised a crop of corn. His death occurred in Minnesota, at an advanced age.

The father, Morris Bradford, was born in Switzerland county, in January, 1823, and was one of the five children—the only son—of William and Anna (Webster) Bradford. He lived in the State of his nativity until 1867, and then came to Minnesota, settling in Riverdale township, Watonwan county, where he secured 160 acres of Government land and soon after purchased another quarter section. He became one of the most prominent and influential farmers of this region, spending twenty-four years in agricultural pursuits upon the farm which he then located. He was a public-spirited man, devoted to whatever was calculated to prove of public benefit, and for some time he served as County Commissioner. He was the first man in this region to engage extensively in the cultivation of corn, and for some years supplied the western part of the county with that cereal. In 1891 he sold his farm, retired from active business life, and is now spending his declining years in the village of Madelia.

Morris Bradford married Olive Bliss, a native of Herkimer county, New York, and a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Buttles) Bliss. Her grandfather, Ebenezer Bliss, was a native of Massachusetts, and settled in the Empire State in early life. Later Thomas removed to Indiana, where he died in 1875, at the age of seventy-five years. To Morris and Olive Bradford were born five children: George A., of this review; O. M., a lumber dealer of Weiner, Arkansas; Thomas B., a cattle man who is living in Caspar, Wyoming; Anna, wife of Alpheus Bocock, who is living in Riverdale, Minnesota; and M. B., a farmer of Riverdale, Minnesota.

In taking up the personal history of George A. Bradford, we present to our readers the life record of one who is both widely and favorably known in this locality. He spent the first twenty years of his life in the State of his nativity, reared upon a farm, and in the common and high schools of that region he obtained his education. In the year 1867 he came with his father's family

to this State and spent the first winter after his arrival in Wabasha county, teaching school. In the spring of 1868 he came to Watonwan county, locating in Riverside township, and for six years continued teaching through the winter months, while in the summer season he engaged in farm work. He was a capable instructor and won success in that undertaking. In 1874 he came to Madelia, where he secured a position as salesman in a general store. The following year he entered the employ of Josiah M. Cheney as clerk, and after a few years purchased an interest in the business with which he was connected from 1878 until 1882. He then sold out and went to Montana, but not long after returned to Madelia and re-entered the store, where he continued until 1887. Having purchased a fine farm a mile west of Madelia, he operated it for a year and in 1891 he became a member and secretary of the Medelia Mercantile Company. Thus he devoted his energies to commercial pursuits until 1894, when he disposed of his interest in the concern.

In December, 1877, a marriage ceremony was performed which united the destinies of Mr. Bradford and Miss Flora J. Cheney, one of the four children of Josiah M. and Angie (Darling) Cheney. The father is nnmbered among the pioneers of this section of the State, having located in Blue Earth county in 1856,—when Minnesota was yet a Territory,—and built the first house in Garden City. He died in 1891, at the age of sixty-three years. Five children grace the union of our subject and his most estimable wife, as follows: Olive D., Horace and Howard, twins; Zina M. and Everett O.

Mr. Bradford is very familiar with the history of this locality through the past twenty-eight years, and can relate many interesting incidents concerning it. He took an important part in the capture of the noted Younger Brothers and Charley Pitts after the Northfield Bank Robbery, the four desperadoes being surrounded in a thicket. Mr. Bradford was one of the seven men who volunteered to capture them, a desperate venture considering the nature of the robbers. These men were fired upon by the criminals and in the return fire Pitts was killed and the three brothers were all wounded and captured and imprisoned for life. Bob Younger died in prison, and Jim and Cole are still in the prison in Stillwater.

For several years Mr. Bradford was secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, and was also clerk of Madelia township. In his political views he has always been an earnest Republican, strong in his party affiliations, and has frequently served as a delegate to county and other conventions. In the fall of 1894 he was elected to serve as Clerk of the Courts of Watonwan county, term extending for four years from January, 1896, and he was appointed by the court to fill out an unexpired term in 1895. He is true to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private, is an intelligent and public-spirited man, and his many sterling qualities have won him the highest regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

CHARLES HERMAN CHIPMAN, a farmer of Center Creek township, Martin county, was born in Essex, Chittenden county, Vermont, October 11, 1845, a son of Thomas Chipman, who was born and reared in that State. His father, Thomas Chipman, also a native of Vermont, descended from one of

three brothers who came from England in an early day. One located in Vermont and another in Connecticut. The mother of our subject, *nee* Lucy Nichols, was born in Richmond, Vermont, July 24, 1821, a daughter of Charles H. Nichols, a native of Harden, Connecticut, and of English descent. He died when Mrs. Chipman was ten years of age. Her mother, *nee* Rachel Peck, was born in Clarendon, Vermont, of English descent. Thomas and Lucy Chipman were married in Vermont, and were the parents of two children,—Charles H., the subject of this sketch, and Laura M., wife of Wilford Jodoin, of Vergennes, Vermont.

Charles H. Chipman attended an academy at Essex until nineteen years of age, and in the following year came to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he farmed on rented land one year. In June, 1866, he purchased a claim in Center Creek township, Martin county, and two years afterward removed to section 30, same township. His first residence was a sod house, and his farm was wild prairie land. Mr. Chipman now owns eighty acres of well-improved land, having also given his two sons each eighty acres. He was engaged in general farming until 1890, when he became an agent for farm machinery, continuing the same four years. He owns one of the best residences in the village, and two business buildings. Mr. Chipman affiliates with the Republican party. He has served as Township Assessor, as a member of the Board of Supervisors, and Clerk of the school district for twelve years. In his social relations he is a member of the Masonic order, Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64, of Fairmont.

March 20, 1869, Mr. Chipman was united in marriage with Mahala Hill, a native of Vermont, and a daughter of Robert Hill, a native also of that State. He removed to Wisconsin in 1857, and in 1866 came to Martin county, where his death occurred, at the age of sixty-three years. Mrs. Chipman's mother, formerly Polly Parcher, was born in Vermont, and now resides with her son in Center Creek township. Mrs. Chipman was six years of age when she went with her parents to Wisconsin, remaining there until fifteen years old, and then came to Martin county. Our subject and wife have had six children, namely: George H., who married Belle Fleming, and resides in Center Creek township; Guy, also of this township; Cora, Burr, Lucy and Ray.

JOHN HENRY SHERIN is the senior member of the firm of Sherin & Foss, proprietors and publishers of the Press-News, of Winnebago City, Minnesota.

He is a native of Canada, born in Brooklyn, Whitby township, Ontario, June 20, 1850, eldest in the family of four children of Robert and Susan (McCarl) Sherin, both natives of Ontario and both of Scotch-Irish descent.

When John H. was eight years of age the family emigrated to Fox Lake, Wisconsin, where he received a good common-school education. At an early age he commenced working at the newspaper business, being employed in the Gazette office at Fox Lake for about three years. He then followed the trade of journeyman printer for several years, working in many of the large cities of the United States.

In 1873 Mr. Sherin went to Canada to visit his father's family and the scenes of his childhood days, and while there, June

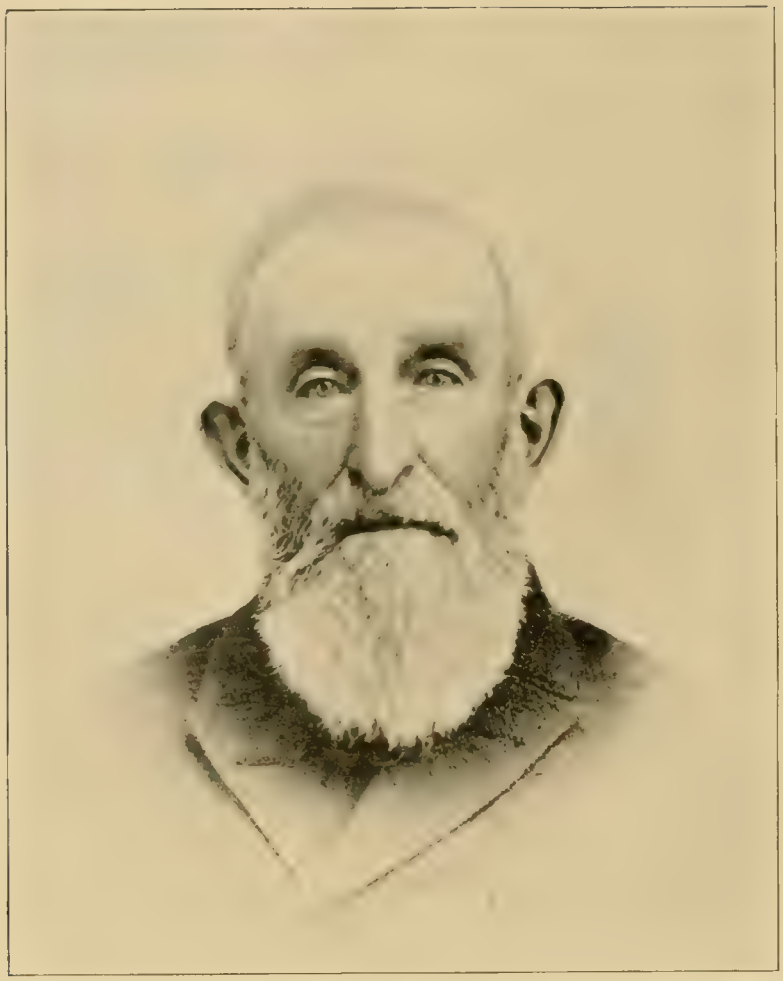
10, 1878, married Miss V. Postlewaite, a native of of Coburg, Ontario, and a daughter of Thomas Postlewaite, and they have two sons, both born in Winnebago City, viz.: Robert, December 7, 1879; and Henry Howard, June 29, 1881.

Complying with the request of friends, Mr. S. decided to go into business in Canada, and in August, 1874, founded the News, at Lakefield, Peterborough county, and continued its publication for two years, and then sold out. In 1879 he located at Winnebago City, Minnesota, and the following January established the News at this place, issuing the first number of the paper on the 19th of that month, and continued it alone for three years. His present partner, Mr Foss, was then owner and publisher of the Press, and in 1883 they consolidated the two papers, entered into partnership, and have since published a weekly paper under the name of the Press-News. This paper is independent Republican in politics, and is devoted to furthering the best interests of the city and county.

Mr. Sherin is a member of both the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

GEORGE KIMBALL MOULTON, deceased, was the pioneer merchant of Winnebago City, and was for many years one of its most prominent business men. He was born at Hopkinton, Merrimac county, New Hampshire, 1835, a son of Caleb and Mary (Marden) Moulton, natives also of that State. Our subject passed the early years of his life with his parents, receiving a good education. At the age of nineteen he came West to Burlington, Iowa, remaining there but a few months, however, and then went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was employed as clerk in a mercantile establishment a short time, after which he returned on a visit to the Granite State. In the spring of 1857 Mr. Moulton came to Winnebago City, and purchased a small stock of goods, consisting chiefly of groceries and provisions, from Tom Foley. As the village increased in population and the surrounding country became settled he increased his stock to meet the increasing demands of his numerous customers, his having been the only store in the place for a number of years. His business increased until he kept several clerks almost constantly employed. About 1863 J. H. Welch became a partner in the store, but this connection continued only about two years, when Mr. Welch sold his interest and withdrew from the firm. For some year the merchandise had to be hauled from St. Paul with teams. Mr. Moulton was very prosperous in his business relations for many years, but, being an exceedingly generous man, of whom it could be truly said, "He was generous to a fault," he gave liberally to the needy and trusted his goods out indiscriminately, and eventually became a heavy loser. Mr. Moulton continued mercantile pursuits until 1874, and afterward entered the Government service as mail agent between Winnebago City and La Crosse, Wisconsin, which he continued four years. He also served as Postmaster of the city for many years. His death occurred at his home in Winnebago City, October 9, 1880, and in his demise the village lost one of its oldest settlers and most respected citizens.

September 7, 1859, at Henniker, New Hampshire, Mr. Moulton was united in marriage with Miss Susan C. Cogswell, a native of that city and a daughter of Jonathan and



H. H. Bunn.

Susan (Choate) Cogswell, natives of Essex, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Moulton had five children, namely: Edward Clinton, cashier in the Winnebago City Bank; Sarah Della, wife of J. N. Knutson, a druggist of Winnebago City; Mary Alice, deceased; Charles Henry and George Morse. Mrs. Moulton is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is a woman of many excellencies of character.

DAVID D. BUNN, a well-known farmer of Martin county, Minnesota, and the father of the town of Welcome, claims Somerset county, New Jersey, as the place of his nativity, the date of his birth being February 8, 1823.

Mr. Bunn's parents, David and Ida (Van Dyke) Bunn descended from Holland Dutch and Scotch-Irish ancestors respectively. Martin Bunn, the grandfather of our subject, was, it is supposed, born in Holland. The greater part of his life, however, was spent in Somerset county, New Jersey, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Esther Crater, and their children were: Morris, Conrad, David, William, Esther and Mary. He died about 1850. Politically he was a Whig, and religiously a Presbyterian.

Abraham Van Dyke, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Bunn, was born in Somerset county, New Jersey, and died there in 1854, at the age of eighty years. Grandmother Van Dyke was before her marriage Miss Sarah Honeyman. Her father was a spy of Washington's in the Revolutionary war. He came to America in the English army, was at the siege and fall of Quebec, and it was in his arms that the noted General Wolfe died. During the Revolution he was intimately associated with General Washington, and rendered valuable service to the patriot cause. His children were: Margaret, wife of William Henry; Mary, wife of Matthias Lane; Sarah, John and James. The eldest child of Abraham Van Dyke and his wife was John, who was a prominent jurist and politician, and served as Judge of the Circuit and Supreme Courts of New Jersey, and served four years in the U. S. Congress, being an intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln. He came to Wabasha, Minnesota, in 1868, after which he served one term in the State legislature, and filled out the unexpired term of Judge Waterman, and died about 1877. The other children were: Isaac, Mary, and Ida, the last named being the mother of our subject. Abraham Van Dyke, the great-grandfather of our subject, married Ida Striker, and their children were: Abraham, John, Isaac, Charity, and Elsie.

Both the paternal and maternal great-grandfathers of Mr. Bunn were prominent in Revolutionary affairs, and he has just reason to be proud of his ancestry. He has in his possession a flint-lock rifle that was used by his great-grandfather Van Dyke all through that struggle.

David Bunn, the father of our subject, was born in Somerset county, New Jersey, and died in 1822, of dysentery, when he was scarcely twenty-one and before the birth of his only child, David D. His widow was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, and some time after his death she became the wife of Richard S. Vliet. Her death occurred in Somerset county.

David D. Bunn began teaching school when he was nineteen years of age, and taught four years. After that he was engaged in mercantile business at Vliet's Mills, owned by his stepfather, which he continued until February, 1853. At that time he came

west to Henry, Marshall county, Illinois, where for one year he was engaged in farming. The following year he had charge of the Planters' House in Henry, and at the end of the year he left the hotel business and returned to farming, which he continued in that county until 1859. Then he sold out and entered the employ of D. C. Hull, a hardware merchant of Henry. Mr. Bunn remained with this house for seven years, a short portion of that time being on the road. In October, 1868, he removed to Wabasha, Minnesota, and during his residence there he was engaged in various callings, principally farming; and while there he formed the acquaintance of S. L. Campbell, with whom he was afterward so intimately associated in business. In April, 1880, he came to Martin county, Minnesota, and bought the west half of section 31, township 103, range 31. This was purchased of the railroad company at $7 per acre, with a $2 rebate if forty acres of the land was broken within a year. Subsequently he sold this land to the Cramer Bros. In the fall of 1882 he took charge of S. L. Campbell's interests in Martin county. He has been identified with the property upon which the thriving village of Welcome is built,—situated on section 1, township 102, range 32. The house which he now occupies was built in the fall of 1884, and the large fine barns have been added from time to time. The timber on this place has grown from seed that was planted in 1884.

Mr. Bunn was married October 10, 1849, to Miss Rebecca Schenk Conover, daughter of Garrett and Nancy (Harris) Conover, of Germantown, New Jersey. Their children are Ida and John Van Dyke. The former is the wife of Harry B. Jewell, a hardware dealer of Wabasha, Minnesota, and they have two children,—Phœbe and Harry H. John Van Dyke Bunn is publisher of the Bunn Directory at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and surrounding towns.

Mr. Bunn joined the I. O. O. F. at Germantown, New Jersey, being one of the charter members of the order in that town. His first presidential vote was cast for Henry Clay, and since the organization of the Republican party has supported its men and measures. Mr. Bunn is a man who is highly respected wherever he is known, and his friends are only too willing to honor him with political preferment were it possible to gain his consent; but, while he has filled nearly all the township offices, he will not allow his name to be used for a higher office.

GEORGE FRANK ANDROSS, a retired farmer, was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, March 7, 1849, a son of C. P. and Elsie (Dikeman) Andross, natives respectively of Massachusetts and New York. They were married in Wisconsin, where they remained on a farm until 1867, and then located in Martin county, Minnesota. They were among the early pioneers of Center Creek township.

G. F. Andross, the eldest of eight children, three sons and five daughters, was reared in Rock and Walworth counties, Wisconsin, attending the district schools, and also spent one year in the Allen Grove school. He came with his parents to Martin county, Minnesota, in 1867. He purchased his farm of 240 acres from the Government, located on sections 32 and 33, which is now under a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Andross is now retired from active labor. He is identified with the Re-

publican party, and has served in all township offices excepting those of Justice of the Peace and Assessor. He also held the position of County Commissioner of Martin county three years.

In 1878 Mr. Andross was united in marriage with Mary Barnes, a native of New Hampshire, but reared in Iowa. To this union has been born three children,—Carrie, George and Verna.

ALMON E. FOSS, junior member of the firm of Sherin & Foss, publishers of the Press-News, of Winnebago City, Minnesota, was born in Campton village, Grafton county, New Hampshire, October 18, 1842, son of Oliver P. and Arvilla M. (Bruce) Foss, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Royalton, Vermont. They were married in Montpelier, Vermont. Oliver P. Foss in early life learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for several years. In 1849 he came West, bringing his family, locating at Watertown, Wisconsin, where for some years he carried on the manufacture of wagons and buggies, having at that time the largest manufactory of the kind in the State, and employing about thirty men. In 1866 he removed to Winnebago City, Faribault county, Minnesota, and subsequently bought land in Verona township, where he is now engaged in farming, and where his wife died in 1891.

Almon E. Foss was educated in the public schools of Watertown, Wisconsin, and commenced learning the printer's trade in that place, in the office of the Watertown Democrat. After two years spent in that office, he worked in various places as a journeyman printer. In 1876 he located at Wells, Faribault county, Minnesota, and started the Wells Advocate, which he sold out two years later, and in the fall of 1878, in company with W. W. Woodard, purchased the Mankato Free Press, continuing that business connection and the publishing of that paper for one year. He then sold out and again located at Wells, where he published a paper until the spring of 1884. In the last named year he came to Winnebago City and purchased the Press, which was the oldest newspaper plant in the county. His present partner was then publishing the News. They entered into a partnership, consolidated the two papers, under the title Press-News, and have since continued its publication, doing therewith a general job printing business.

October 3, 1883, Mr. Foss married Miss Maggie Shields, a native of the State of New York. Their children are Myrtle Arvilla and Pearl Marcia. Politically, Mr. Foss is a Republican. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

ASA DE ALTON PACKARD, grain dealer, Sherburne, Minnesota, dates his birth in Genesee county, New York, March 20, 1841. Mr. Packard is descended from Scotch ancestry on his father's side, and from Welsh on his mother's. His paternal grandparents were William and Cynthia Packard. William Packard was a soldier in the war of 1812, participated in the battle of Lundy's Lane, and it is supposed he was killed in that battle, as he was never heard from afterward. His children were Lewis, the father of our subject; Cynthia, who married a Mr.

Campbell and lived in New York State, near Buffalo; and Annie, who was the wife of a Mr. Young, and spent her whole life in Genesee county, New York. Lewis Packard was a native of Genesee county, New York. He moved his family to Ashtabula county, Ohio, in 1845, and there tilled the soil until 1855, the year of his decease. The year previous to his death, however, he had visited Wisconsin, and purchased a farm in Winnebago county, located near Waukau. In 1856 his widow and children moved to the Wisconsin farm, and there she is still living, having attained the ripe old age of eighty-four years. Her maiden name was Emeline Crane, and her father was a native of Connecticut. She was married to Mr. Packard in 1833. The names of their children are as follows: Abel Mitchell, James Monroe, Asa De Alton, Sarah, Allen, Josephine, Walter, Emma, Oscar and Frank. All are living except Allen, and are occupying honorable and useful positions in life.

Mr. A. D. Packard, whose name heads this article, remained on the farm with his mother until he was twenty-three years of age, having charge of the farming operations during the latter years of his stay there. He then opened a hotel at Waukau, Wisconsin, which he conducted for about seven years, after which he purchased an interest in a woolen mill in that town, and disposed of his hotel property. The mill was operated under the firm name of R. D. Paris & Company, and Mr. Packard was identified with this industry for about eight years. While running his hotel he was also engaged in farming, and after disposing of his interest in the mill he again turned his attention to farming, which he continued until his removal to Minnesota. July 6, 1887, Mr. Packard visited Sherburne, Martin county, Minnesota, and shortly afterward purchased a lot on which he erected a flat-house for the purpose of storing grain, with a capacity of 7,000 bushels. In 1889 this building was turned into the elevator as it now stands, with a capacity of 25,000 bushels, and at this writing an addition is being erected which will increase the capacity to 45,000 bushels. A feed mill will also be added.

A year following Mr. Packard's first visit to Sherburne, he moved his family to this place, and has since made it his home. He was married May 16, 1863, to Miss Margaret Avery, eldest of the five children of George and Margaret S. E. (Willes) Avery, and he and his wife have the following named children: George De Alton, who is at present associated with his father in his extensive business at Sherburne; Lilly Belle, wife of Clark Bagley, of Welcome, Minnesota, Mr. Bagley now being engaged in the construction of an elevator at that place; and Maggie, wife of Reed Alsworth, a lumber dealer of Sherburne.

Politically, Mr. Packard has always been a Republican. In him is a fine type of the successful Western man. Although it has been but a few years since he came to Minnesota, he is now one of the strongest men financially in the western part of Martin county. While he makes a specialty of the grain business, he does not by any means confine himself to this line, but conducts a large business in agricultural implements and machinery, and also deals considerably in cattle and hogs.

Mr. Packard has but recently passed his fifty-third birthday, is in the prime of life; is highly respected, and, as stated above, is one of the most substantial business men of the county.

JAMES W. MORE, Treasurer of Faribault county, Minnesota, was born near Glasgow, Scotland, November 28, 1851, son of Andrew R. and Janette (Weir) More, and one of a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Robert, a resident of Pilot Grove township, and at this writing County Commissioner; Jessie, wife of Wayne B. Silliman, Blue Earth City, Minnesota; Christina, wife of Daniel McLeod, Pilot Grove township; Andrew R., Blue Earth City; Marion, deceased; and Edward T., engaged in farming and still residing with his parents.

The Mores belong to the sturdy Scotch race, the family having resided in Scotland as far back as their history can be traced. Andrew R. More emigrated with his family to America in 1850, locating at first in Wisconsin, and in 1858 coming from that State to Minnesota and settling in Pilot Grove township, where he has since resided in the midst of peace and plenty, the Mores being one of the representative families of this region of country.

James W. was eight years of age at the time his parents came to Minnesota, and on his father's farm in Pilot Grove township he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the district schools, remaining a member of the home circle until he attained his twenty-second year. He then accepted a position as clerk in a drug store at Delavan, and shortly afterward went to Blue Earth City in the same capacity. Later he spent four years at Winnebago City, in company with McDonald & Miller, engaged in buying and shipping grain and stock, doing an extensive business and shipping to the great markets of Milwaukee and Chicago. We next find him engaged in the grocery business at Blue Earth City, and at the end of two years thus spent at that place he came to what is now the thriving town of Elmore. That was in 1881. At that time there were only two buildings in the town, and he erected the first store here. He has since been identified with its interests and has been one of the leading spirits in bringing about the present development of the town. He continued his mercantile business here until January, 1894, when he sold out to Mr. L. L. Olsen.

Always a stanch Republican, fully believing in the principles represented by that party, he has taken an active part in the politics of Faribault county. For more than ten years he has served as Town Treasurer and also as School Treasurer, and is still filling these offices. At the county convention of September, 1894, he was nominated as candidate for County Treasurer, and was elected over the Democratic and independent candidates by a very handsome majority.

Mr. More was married September 6, 1882, to Miss Ellen Sharp, daughter of Levi Sharp, and they have three children.

WILLIAM FRANCIS BRUNDAGE is a dealer in farm machinery, Sherburne, Minnesota, and was born in Malta, Illinois, July 19, 1864, his parents being Frederick Hungerford and Kate Ann (Townsend) Brundage.

Francis Brundage, the grandfather of our subject, was probably of French ancestry, although it is not known in what generation the American branch of the family was established. His children were Charles Jonathan, Frederick Hungerford, Phoebe and Sarah. Joshua Townsend, the maternal

great-grandfather of Mr. Brundage, was born in New York State. He reared a large family, and in 1837 moved to De Kalb county, Illinois. There he and his two sons, Stephen and Charles, took up claims, they being among the early pioneers of De Kalb county. His son, Stephen, was born in New York State, June 30, 1807, and died in Illinois, in March, 1883. He married Ann Denman, and they had a family of ten children, those who reached maturity being as follows: Amos W.; Ellen, wife of Luther Jackman; Nancy, wife of Orrin West; Kate Ann, the mother of our subject; William Henry; and Hattie E. Mr. Stephen Townsend was radical in his views regarding slavery, and was prominently associated with what was known as the "Under-ground Railway," that is, with helping slaves escape to the North. He also served as Captain in the New York State militia. The Townsends are of English descent.

Frederick Hungerford Brundage, the father of our subject, was born in Ulster county, New York, November 1, 1835. He came west to Illinois in 1853, and first resided in Sycamore, De Kalb county, from there removing to Malta, where he still makes his home. He was married June 5, 1863, to Miss Kate Ann Townsend, who was born August 10, 1842. Their children are William Francis; Ella; Daniel, deceased; Charles Jonathan; Frederick Hungerford, Jr.; Archer Merritt; Hattie Rosalie, deceased; Martin Denman; Katy Ann; and Alice.

William F. Brundage attended the common schools of his native town and later attended the high school at Sycamore, Illinois. He practically began life for himself March 13, 1881, when he left home and worked for wages on a farm. October 28, 1886, he purchased of W. T. Hansen, of Chicago, the southwest quarter of section 7, township 103 (Elm Creek), range 33, Martin county, Minnesota; and April 19, 1887, he moved west to this farm, which he has since disposed of. Later he bought the northwest quarter of section 18, township 102, range 32, and known as the "old Call" place. In October, 1890, Mr. Brundage was made manager of the Alliance Warehouse Company, and November 25, 1890, moved to Sherburne, where he has since resided. In March, 1891, he was elected secretary of the same company, and filled this position till December, 1893. In February, 1893, he started his present business, which he has conducted successfully, and to which he is now giving his entire attention.

Mr. Brundage was married June 15, 1893, to Miss Francis Alma Reynolds. Socially he is identified with the I. O. O. F. and the M. W. of A.; and, religiously, is a member of the Congregational Church.

JOHN NORTON SILVERTHORN, a retired farmer of Sherburne, Minnesota, was born on his father's farm in Erie county, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1840, his parents being John and Caroline (Davis) Silverthorn.

The genealogy of the father's side of the house can not be traced, although it is known that the Silverthorns are of German origin. He descends from a Scotch ancestry on the maternal side. John Silverthorn, the father of our subject, was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1800, operated a farm and lived there all his life. His death occurred May 6, 1854. His wife, also a native of Pennsylvania, was born in April, 1807. After the death of her husband she moved to Lake county, Ohio, where she

died, in March, 1859. All the children of Mr. and Mrs. John Silverthorn were born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, their names being as follows: Esther, wife of Henry Luther; Myron; Harriet, wife of Charles Strong; Elvira, wife of Julius Beals; Emeline, wife of Josiah Blair; Synthia, wife of Amander Hale; John Norton, whose name heads this article; Levi; and three that died in infancy,—Helen, Pressley and one unnamed.

John Norton Silverthorn began working for wages when he was fourteen years of age. The public schools of his day were not of the best, and he had little time to give even to such as he had access to. Hence his education was obtained chiefly by his home study. In 1856 he moved to Lake county, Ohio, engaged in farm work, and continued there till 1859, when he removed to Winnebago county, Wisconsin. In April, 1864, he enlisted in Company F, Eighteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and was immediately sent South. While guarding a railroad bridge on the Atlantic road in Georgia, he was taken prisoner, September, 1864, and sent to Milan. Later he was transferred to Florence, South Carolina, where he was paroled and discharged, being sent to the hospital at Milwaukee, and from there returned home.

In September, 1865, in company with his brother-in-law, Cyrus Weber, he drove through to Martin county, Minnesota, reaching this point October 12, 1865. Mr. Silverthorn located on the north side of Fox Lake, lots 1 and 2, and the south half of the northwest quarter of section 33, township 103, range 32, comprising in all 163.55 acres. Here he built a small earth house, and two years later a log cabin, the logs being obtained from the forest around the lake. In 1884 he built the frame house which still stands on the place, being now occupied by his son, who farms the land. In 1888 Mr. Silverthorn gave up the active management of his farm and moved to Sherburne, where he has since resided, and in the fall of 1889 he built his present residence.

Mr. Silverthorn was married in Winnebago county, Wisconsin, July 4, 1862, to Miss Permelia Weber. Their children are Cyrus Eugene, born July 19, 1864, and now a resident of Day county, South Dakota, married Emma Ritter, and has two children, Fay and Norton; Edwin VanCleve, born November 20, 1866, died when he was three months old; Peter Sheridan, born December 29, 1868, and now living on his father's farm, married Catharine Eiden, and has two children, Clare and Ruth; and Iva Luella, born September 27, 1874, presides over her father's home. Mrs. Silverthorn departed this life November 9, 1893. She had shared with her husband the joys and sorrows of pioneer life in a Western State, by her timely assistance and cheerful companionship was largely instrumental in bringing about their prosperity, and after over thirty years of happy married life she passed to her last rest.

Politically Mr. Silverthorn is a stanch Republican. He has served as a member of the township Board of Trustees, and for the past three years has been a member of the Town Council.

JOHN M. GRAHAM, proprietor of the leading livery business of Blue Earth City, Minnesota, is one of the enterprising and public-spirited citizens of the town.

Mr. Graham was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, June 13, 1856, second in the family of six children of Michael and Mary Graham. For a number of years the Graham family were residents of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and of the State of Wisconsin. When John was a small boy they removed to Minnesota and located at Mankato, where they lived until the death of the father, in that place, in 1865, at the age of forty-five years. Soon after his death the family moved to a farm owned by them, which had been secured by him under the homestead law, this farm being located in Jo Daviess township, Faribault county; but, after living on it one year, the children being too young to work, the family moved into Blue Earth City, which has since been Mr. Graham's home. The mother died at the age of fifty-four years, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Finn, at Colorado Springs.

When he was fourteen years of age, John M. Graham began learning the trade of harness-maker and served an apprenticeship of four years. After that, for a few years, he worked at the livery business during the summer and found employment at his trade in different shops during the winter. In 1877, in company with others, he went on an expedition to the Black Hills. That was during the height of the gold fever. Six months, however, were sufficient to satisfy him that mining was not his forte, and he returned to Minnesota. Since 1879 Mr. Graham has been proprietor of the leading livery establishment in Blue Earth City. He keeps about twenty horses and a number of fine vehicles of various kinds, runs a "bus" to all trains coming into the city, and also carries the mail. Separate from this livery business he owns a large feed stable. For years he has been engaged in the purchase and sale of fine horses, largely for Eastern markets, and he has also dealt successfully in real-estate. In his various business ventures he has met with uniform success, and is to-day ranked with the substantial men of the town.

Mr. Graham was married June 11, 1884, to Kate Gorman, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Edward R. and Bridget (McCabe) Gorman. Mr. and Mrs. Gorman reside on a farm in Jo Daviess township, this county. They have a family of nine children, all of adult age. Mr. and Mrs. Graham have three children, namely: Annie, William and George. They reside in the pleasant home on Second street, which he built some four years ago.

Mr. Graham is a member of the A. O. U. W., Oriental Lodge, No. 39; the K. of P. and the Modern Woodmen of America.

JOHN PETER CLEMMENSEN, boot and shoe dealer, Sherburne, Minnesota, was born in Fuen county, Denmark, July 13, 1864, son of Nels Peter and Christina (Jorkensen) Clemmensen.

When he was nine years of age Mr. Clemmensen emigrated with his parents to America, their location being near West Point, Nebraska. He remained with them until he was fourteen, receiving a fair education, and then became an apprentice in the shoe shop of Charles Jenkle, of West Point, with whom he learned the trade and remained until 1885. April 13, 1885, he came to Sherburne, Minnesota, and opened a cobbler's shop, beginning on a small scale and gradually enlarging his busi-

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ness until he now has a fine store and carries a $2,000 stock. In the summer of 1894 he erected his present large brick store building.

Mr. Clemmensen was married December 22, 1885, to Miss Christina Matson, daughter of Christian and Hannah Matson. Their only child, Christina, was born November 25, 1888.

MRS. HELEN M. HARRISON is a most estimable lady residing in Minnesota Lake. The influence of a woman is often like the deep under current of a mighty stream,—a power strongly felt if not seen. Among the worthy pioneer ladies who quietly but strongly have done so much for southern Minnesota, is the lady whose name introduces this review. In the refining and civilizing work she has borne an important part, and on the pages of this history she well deserves mention. She came with her husband to this State, and with him shared in the hardships and privations of pioneer life.

Alexander R. Harrison was for some time one of the most prominent and best known men of Faribault county. He was born in Rochester, New York, December 15, 1829, and was a son of Rev. John and Alice Harrison, the former a minister of the Methodist Church. He crossed the Atlantic from England and located in New York. His wife was of Scotch descent and their marriage was celebrated in the Empire State. In the family were nine children, five sons and four daughters, and the parents died in New York some years ago. During his early life Alexander Harrison began learning the carriage-maker's trade and spent some years with his first employer, engaged in making the bodies of carriages. When a young man he followed the advice of Horace Greeley to the yonth of this land and started westward. Reaching Geneva, Illinois, he secured work at his trade, and while there, at a ball given by the Odd Fellows society, he first met Miss Helen M. Pitney, who was visiting with a party of friends from Aurora. The friendship thus begun ripened into love and in April, 1851, their marriage was celebrated in Geneva, Kane county, Illinois, the ceremony being performed at the hotel by a Scotch minister of the Methodist Church. The lady is a daughter of Owen Davis and Mariette (Lake) Pitney. Her father died when she was only a year and a half old, and her mother was thus left a widow with four children. The family were then living in Painesville, Ashtabula county, Ohio, and Mrs. Harrison was six years of age when the mother married John Barker, a native of New York and one of the early schoolteachers of Ohio. Removing to Kane county, Illinois, a farm was purchased and he carried on agricultural pursuits. The children of this family were Lodrick Pitney, a native of Ohio, who died in Iowa; Charles, who was born in the Buckeye State and died on the home farm in Kane county, Illinois; Louise, who died at the age of sixteen; and Mrs. Harrison. The half brother, Edward D. Barker, was born in Chicago, Illinois, where the family located in 1836, there spending the winter. It had been the intention to settle at Joliet, but an uncle of Mrs. Harrison, Zaphna Lake, who laid out the city of Aurora, Illinois, induced them to settle near his home, where were born two other children,—Joseph and Sylvia Barker. The former served in the late war, then went to the West, but for some years no

news has been received of him. The latter died in Hastings, Minnesota, where the family located at an early day and where Edward Barker laid out an addition to the town. Mrs. Barker, mother of the lady whose name heads this record, died at the home of her daughter in the seventy-third year of her age. She was an intelligent, cultured lady of a happy temperament and all who knew her held her in high esteem. Her husband, Mr. Barker, died in Hastings, Minnesota, at an advanced age.

In 1853 Mr. Harrison, accompanied by his family, went to California, sailing from New York on the Prometheus of the Vanderbilt line to San Francisco, where he arrived after a journey of thirty-two days. On reaching the Golden State he went into the Sacramento valley to a place then called Hangtown (now Placerville), where he engaged in wagon-making and blacksmithing. After about a year he was induced to try mining and purchased, for $700, a claim in a section known as Deadwood, north of Sacramento. It was a beautiful part of the country and he carried on operations there with moderate success, securing a capital of $5,000, which he brought to Minnesota. The year 1857 witnessed his arrival in this State. On the bank of the beautiful Minnesota Lake, to the northwest, was erected a little frame house, 16x24 feet, a story-and-a-half structure,—quite a fine dwelling in those days. However, the snow sifted through the sides and roof. That building stood until the fall of 1894, when it was torn down. It was one of the landmarks of the region, and in those early frontier days it was noted for its hospitality, the latch-string being always out.

Mr. Harrison purchased a sawmill on the northeast corner of the lake, and amidst the first lumber sawed were boards used in the construction of the kitchen floor of their cabin. The boiler of this mill was the only part of the machinery under shelter at the time of his purchase, but he soon had a good building, and successfully carried on the business for a number of years. He paid about $2,000 for the property, but on entering the army it was sold for but little more than a tenth of that amount.

This business Mr. Harrison abandoned on the 26th of February, 1864, at which time he enlisted in Company F, Tenth Minnesota Infantry, at Rochester, Minnesota. He was wounded at the battle of Norville waged against the forces under General Hood, being shot through the thigh, and also receiving a slight flesh wound in the elbow. He had the first two fingers of his left hand completely shot away, and the remaining fingers were badly injured. They finally withered, and the arm was affected in the same way to the elbow. Mr. Harrison was a brave soldier, never flinching, though shot and shell rained thick around him. He did no leave the front until the wound in the thigh became so serious that he was sent to the hospital. On the same day his captain, George F. White, met his death.

When his wounds were partially healed Mr. Harrison returned to this home on parole, with form bent by disease and suffering, but under the tender care and nursing of his loving wife he improved, and, faithful to his duty, he rejoined his regiment as soon as possible, continuing in the service until honorably discharged at Fort Snelling, after peace had been again restored. Few men who wore the blue representing Minnesota were better known than Alexander Harrison, and the many friends who survive him have named in his honor a Grand Army Post of

Minnesota Lake, which is known as Harrison Post, No. 71.

When the town of Minnesota Lake was being laid out inducements were offered to Mr. Harrison to bring his mill to this place, the conditions being that he and William Craig, now of Mankato, were to have "every other lot." The warranty deed is on record in Blue Earth county. From that time forward he was prominently identified with Minnesota Lake, taking an important part in its development and progress. He withheld his support and co-operation from no worthy enterprise, and was recognized as one of the representative citizens of Faribault county. He passed away on the 21st of June, 1874, and was laid to rest in the new cemetery at Danville, where a monument has been erected to his memory. He was reared in the East, lived for a time on the Pacific slope, and then became identified with the great Mississippi valley. His life was one of vicissitude, marked with many interesting and some thrilling events. He ever lived so as to command the respect and confidence of those whom he knew, and many friends mourned their loss when he was called to the home beyond. His wife still survives him, and is now living in her comfortable and beautiful residence in Minnesota Lake, which was erected in 1875 and is supplied with all the comforts of life. She was to her husband a faithful companion and helpmeet, and is a true type of the worthy pioneer women who braved the hardships of frontier life to share with husbands and fathers the homes of the west, and their work in development, though more quiet, has been none the less important, than that of the sturdy men who transformed the land into a rich farm and built thriving towns and villages.

THOMPSON LABAN RECORDS, Justice of the Peace, and dealer in real estate, Sherburne, Minnesota, was born in Shelby county, Indiana, October 27, 1843, son of Laban and Elizabeth Ann (Barnett) Records.

Spencer Records, the grandfather of this gentleman, and his brother Laban emigrated from Wales to the United States when they were young, that being before the Revolution. Both served during the last years of that war, and Spencer attained the rank of Captain while in service. They settled in Virginia. Subsequently Spencer moved west to Kentucky and located at Limestone (now Marysville). It is presumed that his removal to Kentucky was for the purpose of locating land warrants obtained for service in the Revolution. Following the tide of emigration of that day, he proceeded north, and located near Chillicothe, Ohio. It may be he was influenced by the fact that Kentucky was a slave State, and he desired to rear his family under the influence of free institutions. He died in Shelby county, Indiana, in 1850, aged eighty-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Elrod, died there in 1854, at the age of eighty-three years. She was a sister of the mother of Henry Clay. Their children were as follows: Josiah; John; James; Laban; William; Susan, wife of Tunis Quicks; Matilda, wife of Josiah Hendrickson; Hannah, wife of John Wilson; Lucinda, wife of James Barnett, and Rachel, wife of Milton Nelson. Several of the daughters died when young. Mr. Spencer Records was a man of great vitality and will power. He was of medium height and in the prime of manhood weighed about 160 pounds. At the time of his death he was a member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Barnett, the maternal grandfather of our subject, emigrated from Ireland to this country prior to the Revolutionary war, through which he fought; after the war he settled in Virginia and there married a Miss Self. Their children were Spencer, William, George, John, Thomas, James, Ambrose, Mrs. Lucy Townsend, and Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Records. One son, name not given, died in infancy.

Laban Records, the father of our subject, was born in Kentucky, September 6, 1799, and died in Shelby county, Indiana, February 2, 1865. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life. His first wife, whose maiden name was Bailey, died shortly after their marriage, and their only child died when quite young. His second wife, Elizabeth Ann, was born August 15, 1806, and died July 16, 1859. They were married February 24, 1825, and their children are as follows: Elizabeth Ann, born January 26, 1826, died August 17, 1846; Lucy, born March 14, 1828, died January 15, 1830; Spencer Columbus, born September 27, 1829, is a farmer and teacher of San Pierre, Indiana, he and his wife, *nee* Nancy Ann Hagerman, having three children living,—Fanny, John and William; John Barnett, born December 22, 1831, died August 24, 1853; Hiram Bartley, born September 26, 1833, died April 6, 1866; Ambrose Dudley, born August 15, 1835, died August 22, 1837; Hannah, born August 3, 1837, has been twice married and is now the widow of a Mr. Stevenson, the children by her first husband (John S. Baker) being two sons and four daughters; Lydia, born January 7, 1840, died April 24, 1872; Rachel Ann, born December 27, 1842, died April 30, 1867; Thompson Laban, whose name appears at the head of this article; and Harriet Virginia, born October 28, 1845, died May 9, 1870. Harriet V. was the wife of John H. Burgess, and their only child, Elmer E., died September 28, 1870. For his third wife Mr. Laban Records married a widow, Mrs. Ruth Moore, and their only child died when a year old.

Mr. T. L. Records was just merging into young manhood when the civil war broke out. August 14, 1862, he enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Indiana Battery, Light Artillery, Captain Rigby commanding. His first engagement was at the siege of Harper's Ferry, where he was captured and paroled. In February, 1863, he was exchanged, and joined his battery in Kentucky, where he shortly afterward participated in several skirmishes. In August he crossed the mountains and was with Burnside in the occupation of Eastern Tennessee. He helped in the defense of Knoxville during the three-weeks siege of that town by Longstreet. In January, 1864, he visited home on a thirty days' furlough. In March, 1865, he was assigned to duty with the heavy artillery at Fort Sanders. Later he joined the Light Artillery again, and accompanied General Stoneman on his expedition against Salisbury, North Carolina. That point, however, surrendered before Stoneman's force reached it, owing to the close of the war, and the troops retired to Greenville, Tennessee, thence to Knoxville, and finally to Indianapolis, where Mr. Records was discharged July 19, 1865.

The war over, Mr. Records returned to his old home in Shelby county, where he visited until August, 1866. He then came westward to near Mankato, Minnesota, bought the northwest quarter of section six, Leray township, Blue Earth county, and lived on the farm for one year, and in that

neighborhood until July, 1875, occupying himself the most of the time in teaching school. He then came to Martin county and located a homestead—the northwest quarter of section 12, township 102, range 33, located one mile west of Sherburne. He built on this tract of land, and made his home there until August, 1879. He was absent, however, during the school year beginning in 1877, being engaged in teaching near Mankato. In January, 1880, he moved his family to Sherburne, Minnesota, and opened a land and law office. Mr. Records served as Justice of the Peace for four years during his residence in Blue Earth county, and it was there that his attention was first given to the study of law. He was elected Justice at Sherburne in 1881, and has served continuously since that time.

Mr. Records was married July 13, 1875, to Miss Ida Viroqua Cook. She was a daughter of Frank and Elizabeth (Cornell) Cook; was born in Sandusky, Ohio, October 21, 1857, and died August 1, 1879. Her father was one of the pioneer settlers of Martin county. The children of this first marriage are: Thompson Frank, born July 3, 1876, is engaged in teaching in this county; Ida Irene, born September 25, 1877, is also teaching in this county; and Lydia Elizabeth, born July 8, 1879, died September 15, 1879. Mr. Records' present wife was Miss Julia Sanford, daughter of Jacob and Jane Sanford. She was born in the town of Durand, Pepin county, Wisconsin, February 1, 1862, and they were married November 16, 1881. Their children are Spencer Ray, born March 15, 1886; Albert Jay, July 17, 1888, and Ruby May, July 8, 1890.

Mr. Records is a member of Sherburne Lodge, No. 182, I. O. O. F., and of the H. H. Edwards Post, No. 135, G. A. R. Politically he is a Republican. From a religious standpoint he believes (as his forefathers did) in the tenets of the Freewill Baptist Church.

EDWARD R. GORMAN, a farmer of Jo Daviess township, Faribault county, is numbered among the early settlers of southern Minnesota, dating his residence here from the month of June, 1860. He has therefore witnessed the greater part of its growth and development, has seen its wild lands transformed into beautiful homes and rich farms, while towns and villages have sprung up and are the sites of thriving manufactories and industries. Churches and schools denote an advanced civilization of which the East might be proud, and in all the work of development and progress Mr. Gorman has ever borne his part as far as opportunity offered.

A native of the Emerald Isle, Mr. Gorman was born on the 26th of August, 1818, and is the son of Roger and Ann (Moran) Gorman, whose family numbered five children. He spent his childhood and youth in the land of his birth, his days being unmarked by any event of special importance. At the age of twenty-seven, in 1845, he crossed the Atlantic to America, with the hope of more rapid advancement, and in this hope has not been disappointed. He first settled in Providence, Rhode Island, where he remained for five years, then he was five years in Orange county, New York, engaged in carrying on a dairy. That county is noted for its excellent dairy products, and Mr. Gorman did not lower the high reputation; but, not entirely satisfied with his surroundings, in the

year 1855, he came to the West. Wisconsin attracted him and he cast his lot with the early settlers of Janesville, where for five years he continued to reside, when he crossed the Father of Waters into Minnesota. Thus Faribault county gained one of its best citizens,—a man who in his long residence here has ever lived so as to win the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

Mr. Gorman first secured 160 acres of land under the pre-emption act, where he built his home, and later a similar tract under the homestead law. It is hard for those of the present generation to realize that the prosperous and well developed township of Jo Daviess as we to-day see it was then, thirty-four years ago, a tract of wild prairie on which lived not more than three or four families. To the pioneers is due a debt of gratitude that can scarcely be repaid for what they have done for this community, placing it under the sway of civilization and making the wonderful prosperity of the present possible. Not long after his arrival here Mr. Gorman secured another eighty acres of land. In his business undertakings he succeeded from the first, and as his financial resources were increased he made additional purchases of real estate, and for many years he also made a specialty of stock-raising as well as large crops of grain. Some years since he gave up active life, leaving the work of the farm to his sons. The farm, comprising 240 acres, produced in 1894 some 4,000 bushels of wheat, oats, barley and flax, besides a fine crop of corn. He also raises about 100 head of hogs each year, and this adds not a little to his income.

In June, 1850, Mr. Gorman was united in marriage with Miss Bridget McCabe, a native of Providence, Rhode Island, and they had nine children, four sons and five daughters, namely: James, who is now engaged in farming in Jo Daviess township; John, who makes his home in Fairmont, Martin county; Mary Ann; Edward, who is located in Elmore township, Faribault county; Margrett, wife of Moses Hudiman, of Blue Earth City, Minnesota; Thomas, engaged on the home farm; Ellen, wife of James Corcoran; Kate, wife of John M. Graham, of Blue Earth City; and Sarah, wife of Michael Kelley.

Mr. Gorman is well known throughout this region as one of the substantial, representative pioneers of Faribault county, and during the thirty-four years of his residence here he has not only been a valued citizen of the community, true to all duties, but has so conducted himself in all the affairs and relations of life that his honorable, upright career, well worthy of emulation, has gained him the high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

DENNIS M. ROONEY, of Sherburne, Minnesota, was born in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, February 1, 1862, son of John and Mary (Rooney) Rooney. Both his paternal and maternal grandfathers were named Dennis Rooney, although his parents were not even distantly related.

Stephen Rooney, the maternal great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Ireland and lived there all his life, engaged in farming. He was twice married, the children by his first wife being Peter, Mary and Dennis, and those by the second wife, Daniel and Rodger. His son Dennis was born in Ireland, and when sixteen years of age enlisted in the English infantry and was

sent to the East Indies. He was in the service for a period of twenty-six years, was in many hard-fought battles, and after retiring from the army received a pension of one shilling per day from the English Government. He married Mary McConville, and their children were: Mary, the mother of our subject; Stephen, who died when young; Rose, who died in early life; Dennis, a pioneer settler of Martin county, Minnesota; Bridget, widow of Henry Gibson, has had a family of six sons and one daughter. The father of this family died in Ireland.

John Rooney, the father of Dennis M., was born in county Down, Ireland, June 22, 1808, and died in Martin county, Minnesota, April 19, 1888. Shortly after his father's death, in June, 1845, John Rooney, with the other members of his mother's family, emigrated to Canada and located near Kingston. September 17, 1856, he moved to Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, and engaged in farming, and in November, 1867, he moved still further west, to Saratoga, Winona county, Minnesota. The following year he located in Martin county and here made a permanent home, his homestead being the east half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-two, township 103, and range thirty-two. John and Mary Rooney were married in Ireland, May 15, 1842. She, too, was a native of the Emerald Isle, the date of her birth being April 12, 1825. She continued to occupy the home farm in Martin county for two years after the death of her husband, and in 1890 built her present residence in Sherburne, where she still resides, with her son. Her children are as follows: Daniel, born June 22, 1844, and died in December, 1850; Patrick, born April 25, 1848, and died in December, 1853; Daniel, born April 27, 1850, and died in August, 1855; Mary, born June 9, 1852, is the wife of Henry Billion, an undertaker of Sioux Falls, Iowa, and they have a family of three sons and three daughters; Thomas, born March 9, 1855, married Miss Augusta Summerfeldt, and is living on his mother's farm; Francis, born March 9, 1855, married Miss Anna Parsons, and they have two children; John, born October 11, 1859, is engaged in farming in this county; Dennis M., whose name appears at the head of this article; and James, born April 20, 1864, married Elizabeth Rooney, and lives in Sherburne.

Dennis M. Rooney remained on the home farm for some time after his father's death, having charge of its operations. In 1892 he bought the interest of J. D. Follett in the harness business at Sherburne, and, with Daniel Peddie for a partner, conducted business under the firm name of Peddie & Rooney until the spring of 1893. At that time he bought out his partner, and has since continued alone, meeting with prosperity.

Mr. Rooney is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics is a Democrat. He served as President of Sherburne in 1894, and is at present a member of the village Council.

JAMES PARKER FARMER, a pioneer merchant of Sherburne, Minnesota, was born in Redfield, Oswego county, New York, November 24, 1838.

The Farmers have been residents of America for a number of generations. Samuel Farmer, the grandfather of James P., was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He married a Miss Bailey, and they had

eight children, five sons and three daughters. One of these sons, Silas Spaulding Farmer, the father of our subject, was born in Greenfield, New Hampshire, September 11, 1803, and moved to Jefferson county, New York, when he was twenty-five years of age. Later he moved to Oswego county, same State, and when James P. was about twelve years of age, he and his family went back to Jefferson county. In 1890 he took up his abode in Michigan, and on the 21st of March of that same year his death occurred. He was married in New Hampshire to Miss Lois White, and a record of their children is as follows: William M., born March 18, 1831, died June 18, 1831; Mary Irene, born April 24, 1833, died February 6, 1888; Reuben White, born August 25, 1835, died July 27, 1868; James Parker, whose name heads this article; and William F., born May 6, 1847, died May 19, 1892. Mrs. Farmer was born October 10, 1811, and died July 14, 1856.

James P. Farmer remained at home with his parents till the breaking out of the Civil war. Responding to his country's call, he enlisted in May, 1861, in Company B, Fifty-ninth New York Volunteer Infantry. He was actively engaged in the battles of South Mountain, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, and Antietam. At the last named engagement he was wounded in the left hand by a ball, the second finger being carried away. This necessitated his doing hospital service for a time, and in the early part of January, 1863, he received an honorable discharge from the service, and returned to his New York home. The following August he enlisted in Company F, First New York Veteran Cavalry, and began service immediately in Maryland and the Shenandoah valley. Among the many engagements in which he participated before the close of the war may be mentioned the battles of Piedmont and Winchester. He was finally mustered out of the service at Charleston, West Virginia, and discharged at Rochester, New York, in August, 1865.

The war over, Mr. Farmer visited home a short time, and in January, 1866, in company with an old army chum, W. B. Stedman, set out for the broad and inviting country of the West. Reaching Owatonna, Steele county, Minnesota, they concluded to stop. There Mr. Farmer worked for wages until the following April, and then came to Tenhassen, Martin county, and, in partnership with W. B. Stedman, opened a small store. Two years later he purchased his partner's interest, and continued merchandising here till 1871. The following year he moved his business to Owatonna, but returned a year later to Tenhassen, and continued in business at that place until his removal to Sherburne. In November, 1879, he opened the first store in Sherburne, on the site he still occupies, his present building being partly composed of the old store building used at Tenhassen, and moved to the Sherburne site. He has since conducted a successful and increasing business at this stand; from a $600 stock he has enlarged his operations until now he carries nearly $6,000 worth of goods.

Mr. Farmer was married June 21, 1869, to Miss Celestine M. Bailey, daughter of Henry Bailey, of Jefferson county, New York. Their children are Robert, born May 22, 1871, is now assisting his father in the store; Myrtle, born September 19, 1875; Jessie, born June 24, 1880, died September 28, 1883; and Bessie, born December 25, 1884.

While a resident of Tenhassen, Mr.

Hon. H. S. Kirk.

Mrs. M. L. Rice

Farmer served for ten years as its Postmaster, and he was the first postmaster of Sherburne, filling the office until the first election of Cleveland as President. Politically he is a Republican, though not an active politician. His family attend the Congregational Church, and he is one of the principal supporters of that denomination in this section.

HON. HENRY NICKEY RICE, M. D., is an honored veteran of the late war and a most prominent and influential citizen of Martin county, his home being in Fairmont. He is also proprietor of a beautiful summer resort on his farm, known as the Silver Lake Ranch, which has become very popular and is a delightful retreat.

Dr. Rice claims Indiana as the State of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Whitley county, on the 2d of September, 1843. His grandfather, Abner Rice, was a native of New York, and the father of our subject, D. B. Rice, was born in Oneida county, New York, September 14, 1815. In the Empire State he remained until 1840, when he sought a home in Indiana, settling on a farm near Fort Wayne. In that locality he married Rosanna Nickey, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of David Nickey, who was born in Germany and was the founder of the family in the New World. In 1866 D. B. Rice came to Minnesota, but is now living in Eagle Grove, Iowa. He is yet well preserved, of strong constitution and robust health and is a self-made man, who through his own efforts has won success. In his political views he is a stalwart Democrat, and has served as County Commissioner. In the community where he resides he is a prominent citizen and has many warm friends. His wife passed away in 1862. Their family numbered eight children, four sons and four daughters, and four of the number reached mature years, while two are still living,—Henry N., of this sketch and Ezra A., a banker and leading citizen of Luverne, Rock county, Minnesota.

The gentleman whose name heads this record was the second child of the family. He obtained his literary education in the common schools and remained at home, giving his father the benefit of his services, until eighteen years of age, when he responded to the president's call for troops to aid in crushing out the rebellion of the South. In the year 1862 he joined Company B, Seventy-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and continued with that command until the close of the war. After the battle of Perryville, he was sent to Quincy, Illinois, where he remained about a year, after which he rejoined his regiment prior to the march of Sherman to the sea, participating in that ever memorable expedition. He was also in many hard-fought battles, but was never seriously wounded, although he was struck in the shoulder at the battle of Lovejoy's Station. Faithfully he followed the old flag until it was planted victoriously in the capital of the Southern Confederacy, after which he received an honorable discharge at Washington, D. C., on the 22d of June, 1865.

Dr. Rice at once returned to his Indiana home and entered a commercial college at Fort Wayne, after which he spent the winter in teaching school. In 1866 he came to Minnesota and located on a homestead near East Chain Lakes, which at that time was all wild land,—still in its primitive condi-

tion. At length he began the study of medicine with Dr. D. G. Winch, of Blue Earth City, and in 1872 he entered the Medical College of Keokuk, Iowa, where he continued his studies until fitted for practice. He then located in Fairmont, where he successfully engaged in the prosecution of his profession until 1886, in which year he was graduated from the Rush Medical College of Chicago. At once he returned to Fairmont and has since made this city his home.

Aside from his professional duties, Dr. Rice has been otherwise connected with the business interests of this locality. Opening a drug store he carried on business for twelve years,—one of the leading and prosperous merchants of the place. He is now the owner of a large stock-farm, known as the Silver Lake Ranch, which comprises 370 acres of rich land, delightfully located and beautifully situated on Silver Lake, ten miles south of Fairmont. A part of this farm has been fitted up as a summer resort and is patronized by people who come from all directions to spend the hot summer days in a cool and shaded retreat. Boating, fishing and other pleasures are furnished the guests and every effort put forth for their entertainment.

Dr. Rice was married in 1866 to Miss Sarah E. Reed, a native of Ohio, who came to the West during her early girlhood. She is a scholarly woman of more than average intelligence and ability, a good speaker and takes a very prominent part in the work of the Woman's Relief Corps. She organized in Fairmont a corps with 100 members, served as president during the first and second terms of its existence and is now its secretary. She is also a leader in the Rebecca Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, and is a cultivated and refined lady whose graces of character win her friends wherever she goes. The family is one of prominence in the community and the Rice household is the abode of hospitality and good cheer. The home has been blessed with six children, two sons and four daughters, namely: Estella, the eldest, now the wife of F. D. Gould, of Fairmont; Rosa, wife of Ed. J. Edwards, a druggist of Fairmont; Stanley, Genner, Lena and Daisy.

By his ballot, labors and influence the Doctor supports the Republican party, and has been honored with a number of public positions of trust. In 1876 he was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature, and for eight years he served as Mayor of Fairmont, the interests of the city being greatly promoted under his able administration of affairs. In 1880 he was appointed surgeon of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad and still holds that position; is also Pension Examiner, having served in that capacity since 1888. He is very prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Apollo Lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M., to the commandery and to the Zurah Shrine of Minneapolis. He also holds membership with the Odd Fellows society, and is a valued member of these various organizations. He was a faithful soldier, is a straightforward business man, a trustworthy official, and in all relations of life his course has commanded the high respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

HON. A. H. BULLIS, Delavan township, Faribault county, has for many years been prominently identified with the various interests of southern Minnesota. We take pleasure in pre-

senting the readers of this work the following *resume* of his life :

A. H. Bullis was born in East Otto, Cattaraugus county, New York, February 8, 1832, son of Dr. Levi and Sallie (Adams) Bullis, and one of their family of six children, four of whom are living, the three besides himself being as follows: Catharine, wife of J. J. Scott, East Otto, New York ; Josephine, wife of B. J. Ward, Fredonia, New York ; and Lewis, of Dodge county, Minnesota.

Dr. Levi Bullis was born in Factory Point, Vermont, about the year 1796, and in the Green Mountain State passed the first twenty-five years of his life. He was well educated, and when a young man began the study of medicine. After practicing a few years in his native State he removed to New York, where he had a long and successful professional career. In 1821 he settled in Erie county, New York, and some years later removed to Cattaraugus county, where he passed the rest of his life and where his death occurred, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife, whose maiden name was Sallie Adams, was a native of Massachusetts, her ancestry being a branch of the family of which John and John Quincy Adams were members, and its history being traced back to the earliest settlement in Massachusetts. Henry Bullis, the Doctor's father, lived and died in the State of Vermont. He was the father of a large family. Seven of his sons participated in the battle of Plattsburg, New York, during the war of 1812.

A. H. Bullis remained in the Empire State until he attained his majority. He then started out in life on his own responsibility. As early as 1854 he came to Minnesota and settled in Rice county, there being then only twenty settlers in the county. First he was engaged for a short time on the Government survey, subdividing a portion of this county. He pre-empted a claim, but did not, however, engage in farming, his attention at first being directed to mercantile pursuits. He was the first man to sell goods in Rice county, was in partnership with another young man, and was very successful. But the business was not congenial to his taste and he soon retired from it, and for five years afterward served as County Surveyor of Rice county; later he was largely interested in real-estate transactions; and while living in Rice county he was twice elected to the State Legislature and served efficiently in that honorable body. After coming to Faribault county, he was three years in the United States Land Office at Winnebago City, and on coming out of that office he again gave his attention to the real-estate business.

About twenty-five years ago Mr. Bullis bought his present home in Delavan township. His residence is located on section thirty-one of this township, while the greater part of his farm, comprising in all some 800 acres, is situated in Prescott township. This is one of the most delightful rural homes in all the country round, is within easy reach of Winnebago City, and is a model of comfort and convenience. Mr. Bullis has for many years been noted for his interest in improving the breeds of cattle in the county. About the year 1868 he brought the first short-horn cattle that came to this region, and from that time until 1875 made a specialty of raising this breed. He then changed to the Hereford stock, bringing to his farm the first Hereford cattle that crossed the Mississippi. He is still breeding Herefords, with uniform success, now

having a herd of about 100 head, and is recognized throughout this and adjoining counties as an authority on the science of breeding and raising blooded stock. In addition to his fine cattle he also raises and markets other stock.

Mr. Bullis was married October 15, 1859, to Ellen L. Pierce, a native of Otto, New York, and a daughter of Lewis and Eliza (Smith) Pierce, both natives of the Empire State. Mr. and Mrs. Bullis have three sons, viz.: Otto L., a successful farmer of Prescott township; Harry L., engaged in the practice of law in Winnebago City; and Lewis I., attending the State University of Minnesota.

In addition to his other public service, already mentioned, Mr. Bullis has served two terms of three years each as a member of the County Board of Commissioners, and during that time was chairman of the board. He is one of the most public-spirited and generous men of the county.

THOMAS W. HALL is one of the extensive land-owners of Fraser township, Martin county, and is now its oldest settler. With the history of this section of the State he is familiar, having witnessed the growth and development of the county from the time when it was a frontier settlement, containing few inhabitants, when the greater part of its land was wild and uncultivated and when sites of now thriving towns and villages were unmarked by a single cabin. He has seen the raw prairie transformed into beautiful homes and farms, has aided in the progress and development of the entire community, and in all public works pertaining to the welfare of the community he has ever borne his part.

Mr. Hall claims New Hampshire as the State of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Barrington, July 18, 1842. His father, Stasa Hall, was also a native of that place, and the grandfather, Daniel Hall, was a soldier in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject, who was born in the same town, bore the maiden name of Sallie Hayes and was a daughter of Captain John Hayes, who won his title in the second war with England,—the war of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Stasa Hall spent their entire lives in New Hampshire and became the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living at the time of the compilation of this work, in the winter of 1894–5. John W., the eldest, resides in the Granite State; Alonzo H. makes his home in Winnebago City, Minnesota; Thomas W. is the next younger and is followed by Leslie S.; William H. and Samuel H. are citizens of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Calista is the wife of I. F. Bickford, who is living in Seattle, Washington.

In taking up the personal history of Thomas W. Hall we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known throughout the county. He spent the first fourteen years of his life in New Hampshire, then went to Virginia, where he remained two years and a half on account of his health. Returning then to the North, he located in Massachusetts, where he began business for himself, learning the shoe-cutter's trade, which he followed until the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion.

In 1862 Mr. Hall responded to the President's call for troops to aid in crushing out the Rebellion, and, donning the blue, became a member of Company I, Eighth

Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, for nine months. With the regiment he went to Newbern, North Carolina, where he remained until June, 1863, at which time, with his command, he was transferred to Fortress Monroe, then to Baltimore, doing guard duty. The regiment then joined the Army of the Potomac, chasing the rebels under General R. E. Lee. The term of service expired in June, 1863, but it was not until late in the summer of that year that Mr. Hall and his comrades were mustered out of the service. He at once returned to his home and worked at his trade for a few months, and the succeeding winter was passed in Spring Valley, Minnesota. In the spring of 1864 he came to Martin county and located upon the farm which has since been his place of residence. He first built a rude log cabin and for five years kept bachelor's hall. At the end of that time he hired some one to care for his home, and thus lived until his marriage.

In 1880 Mr. Hall was joined in wedlock with Miss Martha E. Brand, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Benjamin Brand, an early settler of Martin county, now deceased. Five children have been born to them,—Charles E., Frank W., Mabel, Lynn and an infant. In connection with his brother Leslie, Mr. Hall owns and operates 680 acres of land, and each owns eighty acres separately. The greater part of this land is under a high state of cultivation, and the improvements seen thereon were placed there by our subject, and are proofs of his enterprise and his progressive spirit. The farm is now a valuable one, and through his capable management, perseverance and good business ability its owner has become one of the substantial citizens of the community.

Mr. Hall holds membership with the First Congregational Church of Fraser, is serving as one of its Deacons and takes a very active part in its work and upbuilding. He is also an earnest worker in the Sunday-school and in the Christian Endeavor Society, and in the latter organization is serving on several important committees. His influence is ever exerted for the cause of right and his well spent life is one deserving of emulation. The cause of education also finds in him a warm friend, for he believes it to be an important factor in producing good citizens. Socially he is connected with the Grand Army Post of Fairmont, and in his political connections he is a Republican. He is quite prominent in local politics and has filled several offices of honor and trust, discharging his duties in a prompt and faithful manner. He was a member of the town board of Supervisors for a number of years, served as its chairman, has also been Township Clerk and Road Overseer. At one time he was also elected Justice of the Peace, but refused to qualify. Mr. Hall is a wide-awake, progressive citizen, an enterprising farmer and an honored pioneer, and the history of Martin county would be incomplete without this record of his life.

WILLIAM S. DRAKE, SR., one of the well-to-do and highly respected farmers of Elmore township, Faribault county, Minnesota, was born in Orange county, New York, July 27, 1813, one of the two sons of Nathaniel and Annie (Seward) Drake. Nathaniel Drake was a native of New Jersey, born near the city of Morristown, and early in life removed from there to Orange county, New York, where he lived until the

outbreak of the war of 1812. He served as a soldier all through that war, and died soon after its close. His widow spent her latter years in Minnesota, dying at the home of Mr. George D. McArthur, at the great age of ninety-nine years and eight months. She was a second cousin of the Hon. William H. Seward, formerly of New York. Jeremiah Drake, the grandfather of our subject, was of English descent and was for many years a resident of Orange county, New York; but little, however, is known of his personal history.

William S. Drake, Sr., spent the first thirty-seven years of his life in the Empire State. He there learned the trade of carriage-maker and worked at it for some time. In January, 1840, he was married, in New York, to Emeline Thompson, daughter of George Thompson, of Orange county, she being one of a family of five children. Mr. and Mrs. Drake have had children, as follows: Anna, wife of George D. McArthur, of Blue Earth City, Minnesota; Sarah, deceased wife of German B. Franklin, Auditor of Faribault county; Elizabeth, wife of James R. Snyder, of Elmore township; and William S., Jr.

In 1850 Mr. Drake moved with his family from New York State to Wisconsin, settling in Waukesha county, where they lived until 1868, he being engaged in farming during that time. In the year 1868 he came to Minnesota and settled in Elmore township, Faribault county, on a half section of land purchased of George D. McArthur. To this tract he added by subsequent purchase until he now has some 800 acres of splendid farming land, and he is ranked among the wealthiest farmers of this section of the country. For many years he has made a specialty of raising sheep, his flock averaging no less than 500 head; and he also raises a large number of hogs each year.

Mr. Drake was a Whig in his early life. When the Republican party was organized he gave his support to it and has ever since been an ardent Republican, though never in any sense of the word a politician.

ROBERT MORE, County Commissioner of Faribault county, Minnesota, is one of the leading farmers and stockmen of the county, his residence being in Pilot Grove township.

Mr. More was born July 7, 1839, in Hamilton, Scotland, which was the birthplace of the Mores for many generations, he being the eldest of seven children of Andrew R. and Janette (Weir) More. When he was eleven years of age his parents emigrated with their family to America, settling first in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, and later in Jefferson county, that State. In 1857 they came to Minnesota and took up their abode on a farm in Pilot Grove township, Faribault county, this region of country then being an unbroken prairie and abounding in game. For sixteen winters our subject was engaged in hunting and trapping, a sport in which he took great delight and which afforded him not only pleasure but also profit, the pelts bringing high prices. In all this part of the country he was noted as an expert hunter and trapper, and, while he was unoccupied in this way during the winters, he spent his summers in farm work. He early began to buy and raise cattle for market and in this business has been more or less extensively engaged ever since, his operations extending over a wide territory. For several years

past he and his brother Edward have been in partnership in the stock business, buying and selling both cattle and hogs. They annually feed for market about 125 head of steers and no less than 100 hogs, and they farm about 1,300 acres of land, raising large crops of corn, which they feed to their stock. They ship to the Chicago market. After his marriage, which occurred in 1886, Robert More settled on 160 acres of land, the farm he still occupies. For ten years he lived in a log house, he and his wife bearing the hardships incident to life on the frontier. Fortune smiled upon their honest and earnest efforts as the years rolled by, and to-day Mr. More is recognized as one of the substantial, progressive men of Faribault county.

He was married January 27, 1866, to Elizabeth C. Rendall, daughter of Charles and Ann (Aspey) Rendall, natives of England. Upon their emigration to this country, her parents settled at Gravesend, Kings county, New York, where her birth occurred. After a residence of nine years in New York, they came west to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and in 1864 came from there to Minnesota, settling in Lura township, Faribault county, where they still reside. Mr. and Mrs. More have five children, namely: Andrew R., Jr., a farmer of Pilot Grove township; Charles R., engaged in farming operations with his father; George R., attending commercial school at Des Moines, Iowa; Elwin D., and Clarence, at school.

Always a public-spirited man, Mr. More has served his township long and well in various capacities, acting as Township Assessor and later as Township Treasurer, filling both offices a number of years. Yielding to the urgent request of his many friends, he in 1886 allowed his name to be used as a candidate for County Commissioner, and was duly elected to that office by the Republican party, with which he has always affiliated, and since 1886 has been serving efficiently as Commissioner. The magnificent county courthouse has been erected during his term of office, and for the deep interest he took in the matter he is deserving of thanks from the people.

More might be said of the life of this worthy citizen, but enough has been given to serve as an index to his character, and place him, where he belongs, among the representative men of his day and place.

GEORGE J. NUTT is one of the most prosperous and prominent agriculturists of Martin county. He resides on section 32, East Chain township, and has one of the finest farms in this section of the State,—a region noted for its excellent land and splendid farms. He made his start in life with a homestead claim of 120 acres, but his landed possessions now aggregate 800 acres, all fenced and the greater part under a high state of cultivation. Of this 200 acres constitutes the place on which he resides, and the remaining 600 lies just across the line in Kossuth county, Iowa. The improvements are such as are found on a model farm of the nineteenth century. A pleasant and substantial dwelling is supplemented with barns and outbuildings which are models of convenience, and these are surrounded by waving fields of grain and in harvest times the yellow fields tell of just reward for the labors of the owner. In connection with general farming he successfully carries on stock-raising and keeps on hand a large herd of fine cattle and Poland

China hogs. His success in life has come to him through close attention to the details of business, systematic management and untiring industry.

It is with pleasure that we present to our readers the life record of so prominent a citizen as the gentleman whose name introduces this record. Mr. Nutt was born in Clinton county, New York, January 24, 1849, and is a son of George Nutt, a native of the same county. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Electa Ackerson, was a native of the Green Mountain State and a daughter of Daniel Ackerson, who was born in New Jersey and was of German descent and served as a soldier in the war of 1812. To Mr. and Mrs. Nutt were born four children, three sons and a daughter: Alonzo, who is living in Oregon; George J., our subject; Alice, wife of William Nutter, also of Oregon; and Albert, who completes the family.

In the Empire State George J. Nutt spent the first sixteen years of his life, during which time he attended the public schools, acquiring a practical English education. He then came with his parents to Martin county, Minnesota,—the year of their arrival being 1865,—and has since been identified with this region. He began to earn his own livelihood, chopping cord-wood by the day, being thus employed for one winter in Boone county, Iowa, and receiving $.65 per cord for his work. He gave his parents his earnings, for they were in limited circumstances and needed his aid. On attaining his majority he resolved that his labors should benefit himself, for he had now reached the time when a young man begins to think of providing for his future and of securing a home of his own. By his first purchase of land he became the owner of a tract of eighty acres in Pleasant Prairie township, Martin county, and upon it raised two crops. Subsequently he sold that property, and as before stated secured a homestead of 120 acres. His career has since been an era of prosperity, yet has not been without its obstacles and difficulties, but these he has overcome by persistent effort, and they have seemed to serve but as an impetus for renewed and more persistent labor.

In 1874 a marriage ceremony was performed which united the destinies of Mr. Nutt and Miss Ida F. Roberts, who was born and reared in Walworth county, Wisconsin, and is a daughter of Alanson W. and Amarilla (Nimicks) Roberts. Mr. Roberts was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, and Mrs. Roberts is also a native of that State. They were married in the Empire State, and a few years later came West, locating in Walworth county, and engaged in farming, where both are living at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Nutt located on the farm which is now their home and which has since been their place of abode continuously; and four children have come to bless their union, two sons and two daughters, viz.: Cora, born November 7, 1875; Alfred, born January 5, 1878; Wilbur, born November 25, 1881; and Grace, born November 2, 1889, completes the family. Their home is the abode of hospitality and many friends delight to gather there and share in the good cheer which is always extended them.

In his political views Mr. Nutt is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for office. Almost his entire life has been passed in Martin county, and those who have known him from boyhood are numbered among his warmest friends,—a fact which indicates a well spent life.

Charles Sibert

CHARLES SIEBERT.—Among the intelligent, prosperous and highly esteemed merchants of Wells is the gentleman who forms the subject of this review, and the history of the community would be incomplete without the record of his life. He was born in the province of Brandenburg, near the city of Berlin, Germany, on the 21st of December, 1849, and belongs to a family of six children, whose parents were William and Dorothea (Heuer) Siebert. The grandfather, Jacob Siebert, was born in Lenzen, on the Elbe, and was one of the prominent and influential men of his day in the community in which he made his home. He died at the ripe old age of eighty-seven. The father of our subject was born in Lenzen, in the year 1814, and was in the Government postoffice service in his native city during his active business career. He, too, was a leading citizen, taking an active part in public affairs. In 1871, when fifty-seven years of age, he was called from this life and many friends mourned his death. He was a man of much more than average intelligence and gave to his children superior educational advantages, thus fitting them for any duties which might come to them in after life. His wife also was born in Lenzen, in 1817, and is now living in the old home where occurred the birth of her children, having reached the advanced age of seventy-seven. Her parents were William and Sophia (Richter) Heuer, and her father carried on a large shoemaking establishment, employing a number of men.

Of the family of William and Dorothea Siebert, four are yet living, including Henry, who is now living in Berlin and is employed in the Government service as a telegraph operator; Adolph, who is occupying a very important position as assistant in the office of the Government Treasury in Berlin; Wilhelmina, wife of Louis Giesenschlag, of Lenzen-on-the-Elbe; and Charles, of this record.

The last named spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and attended the common schools of his native city. Later he learned the saddlery trade, which he followed until nineteen years of age. In 1869 he was called to serve the Government as a soldier, and was in the army for three years, or until 1872, being a member of the Sixth Light Battery of the Third Field Artillery Regiment. He was all through the Franco-Prussian war and did faithful service in his country's cause. In the spring of 1872 the battery was detached from the regiment with which it was first connected, and was then attached to the Fifteenth Field Artillery Regiment, stationed in Metz, Strasburg, and in Alsace-Lorraine. He received his discharge in Metz in 1872, and after two weeks visit with his family he executed his long contemplated plan of coming to America. He reached the United States in the month of November and at once made his way to Manteno, Kankakee county, Illinois, where he spent the winter attending school and making himself familiar with the English language. He desired to make thorough preparation for a successful business career in America, and recognized the value that this school course would be to him.

In February, 1873, Mr. Siebert secured a position as salesman in a mercantile establishment in Kankakee, his services being wanted for the German and French trade. After six months spent in that capacity he went on a visit of two weeks to Chicago, and while there engaged with the leather

firm of Blackburn Brothers, first filling the position of shipping and corresponding clerk for three months, when he was promoted to house salesman. So faithful was he and so valuable were his services that after a half year he was again promoted, being put upon the road as a traveling salesman and thus he served for three years, covering the territory comprised in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and eastern Iowa. In the meantime he was determined to engage in business for himself, and in 1877 severed his connection with the firm of Blackburn Brothers, a connection which had been mutually pleasant and profitable. He had already selected Wells, as in his judgment the best point in the West for a location. Here he embarked in general merchandising and has since carried on operations along this line. In order to meet the demands of his constantly increasing trade he enlarged the store which he now occupies, and stocked it with a fine line of goods, such as is found in a first class establishment of the kind. From the beginning his trade has constantly increased in volume and importance, and Mr. Siebert is now at the head of the leading general mercantile stores in Wells. To carry on the business he has the service of ten employees, and the patrons always receive courteous treatment, and the dealings are always fair and honorable on the part of the store.

Mr. Siebert has ever taken a deep and abiding interest in what pertains to the welfare of the community and its upbuilding, and it was largely through his instrumentality that the German Lutheran Church was established in Wells. His efforts have done much to bring into this locality the large German population which is to-day found here, and they form a class of citizens devoted to the country's interests and worthy of all regard. Mr. Siebert is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Doric Lodge, of Wells; also to Olympia Lodge, No. 477, I. O. O. F., of Chicago; the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. Prosperous in a high degree, he is recognized as one of the energetic, broadminded business men of the day. Success comes not alone as a result of taking advantage of opportunities presented, but is also the result of opportunities created. He has both made and used opportunities, taking advantage of everything that would aid him in his career. Thus he has worked his way steadily upward, climbing to heights which can only be reached through earnest application, untiring industry and straightforward, honorable dealing.

The domestic relations of Mr. Siebert have been most pleasant and he takes great delight in his home. He was happily married August 6, 1876, in Chicago, to Minnie Helweg, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and a daughter of Gottlieb and Wilhelmina Helweg, of Chicago. In their family were three children, the brothers being Charles H., a merchant of Fulda, Minnesota, and Frederick, of the same place. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Siebert has been blessed with seven children,—Louisa, Emma, Charles, Minnie, Marie, Dorothea and Leonora,—and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death, while all are still under the parental roof.

HON. ANDREW R. MORE, a well-known farmer of Pilot Grove township, Faribault county, Minnesota, was born in the town of Hamilton, near Glasgow, Scotland, June 21, 1813.

He was one of a family of twelve children, four of whom are now living, all in old age. Their parents were Robert and Christina (Wilson) More. The father, also a native of Hamilton, was by trade a weaver of cambric, which trade he followed successfully through his active life. He died in his native town, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife, Christina, likewise a native of Hamilton, was a daughter of Alexander Wilson, a tailor by trade. The grandfather, Thomas More, lived and died in that same place. He was engaged largely in dairying, and lived to the extreme old age of ninety-two years.

Andrew R. More learned the trade of lace-maker in early life and worked at that trade for a number of years. He was also a manufacturer of lace for some time, remaining in Scotland until 1850. That year he emigrated to America. Upon his arrival in this country he first settled in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, and three years later moved to Jefferson county, same State, where he remained five years, trying to learn farming. Not satisfied, however, with his success in Wisconsin, he decided to come further west, and in May, 1858, landed in Pilot Grove township, Faribault county, Minnesota, and located on the spot which has since been his home. Three others,—James and David Ogilvie and Archibald Cardle, located in this same neighborhood at the time Mr. More did, and all are still living here. They made the journey hither from Wisconsin in wagons, and after their arrival Mr. More and his family lived in their wagons for several weeks, until they could build a log house. This done, he began breaking the prairie. He took a squatter's claim and later secured title to the same under the homestead act, occupying 150 acres at first. Here he has since lived and prospered, farming and stock-raising on a large scale, and also buying and selling cattle and hogs, and dealing to some extent in real estate. To-day he is ranked with the wealthy men of the county.

Mr. More was married in his native land, October 1, 1838, to Jeanette Allen Weir, who was one of a family of eleven children and daughter of James and Jeanette (Reston) Weir. They have six children, viz.: Robert, County Commissioner, a resident of Pilot Grove township; Jeanette, wife of Wayne B. Silliman, of Blue Earth City, Minnesota; Christina, wife of Daniel McLeod, Pilot Grove; Andrew, Blue Earth City; James W., County Treasurer; and Edward, engaged in farming and stock-raising on the home place.

In township and county affairs Mr. More has always taken an active part. In the fall of the same year in which he located here, when the Township Board was first formed, he was made Township Treasurer and Justice of the Peace, and for many years he served as Chairman of the Board. When he first landed in this country Mr. More gave his support to the Whigs, but has affiliated with the Republican party ever since it was organized. For six years he served as County Commissioner, during three of which he acted as Chairman of the Board. In the convention of 1876 he was nominated for the Legislature, and was afterward elected by a splendid majority. Religiously, Mr. More has been a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church all his life. In the year 1869, when a Presbyterian Church was established in Blue Earth City, he was chosen Elder, being the first Presbyterian Elder in Faribault county, and has held that office continuously to the

present time; and for thirty years he has been the only Postmaster in Pilot Grove.

Surrounded by children and grandchildren and friends without number, living in the midst of peace and plenty, this worthy pioneer and his good wife are spending the evening of happy and useful lives.

CYRUS WEBER, a respected farmer of Martin county, residing near Sherburne, was born in Waterloo county, Ontario, Canada, June 9, 1833, son of Peter and Catharine (Baer) Weber.

Both the grandfather and great-grandfather of Mr. Weber were named John Weber. The latter lived and died in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. The family originated in old Bavaria, Germany, and it is more than likely they emigrated to Pennsylvania about the time of the establishment of the Penn colony there. John Weber, the grandfather of our subject, was also born in Bucks county. In 1815 he moved from there to Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, and in 1829 to Canada, where Cyrus was born. This John Weber died in Canada in 1845, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife, whose maiden name was Gayman, died about 1856, aged eighty-five years. Her father was brought to this country by his parents when he was four years old, their emigration being from Switzerland to Bucks county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Gayman was always closely identified with the Quakers, but was himself a Mennonite preacher. He reared a family of seven sons and nine daughters, all of whom had families of their own. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years, and at the time of his death was considered a wealthy man, having acquired a large amount of land and having by his own efforts cleared much of it. He was large of stature, and was unusually strong physically. John Gayman, the great-grandfather of Cyrus Weber, when about ninety years of age, had a family reunion, when 305 of his descendants were entertained by him for about a week. The children of Mr. and Mrs. John Weber, grandparents of our subject, were six in number, three sons and three daughters, the sons being Joel, Peter and John.

Mr. Weber's maternal grandfather, Martin Baer, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and descended from German ancestors who had emigrated to this country from Switzerland. Martin Baer moved from Lancaster county to Kentucky, but subsequently returned to Pennsylvania and was married there. After his marriage he joined a colony of Mennonites that located in Canada. He died about the year 1845, aged sixty years. Of his family, which consisted of fourteen children, ten reached maturity, and of this number three are still living: John Baer, a Mennonite preacher of Canada, and now ninety years of age; George Baer, and Mrs. Weber, mother of our subject, living in Le Sueur county, this State.

Peter Weber, the father of our subject, was born in 1810, and married in Canada. In January, 1838, he moved his family to Erie county, New York, a few miles east of Buffalo. Here Mr. Weber worked at his trade, that of carpenter and millwright. In the summer of 1849 he moved to Winnebago county, Wisconsin, and in 1871 or '2 came to Rock county, Minnesota, where he passed the remainder of his days and died, his death occurring in the fall of 1875. His widow resides at Ottawa, Le Sueur county,

Minnesota. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weber are: Cyrus, the subject of this article; David, a millwright of Minneapolis, is married and has a family; Martin, who died in infancy; Leah, who died at the age of five years; Mary Ann, who married Aaron Baer and has a son and daughter, their home being in Rock county, this State; Rachel, who died at the age of five years; Permelia, who married John N. Silverthorn and died in 1894; George, a farmer of Rock county, is married and has seven children; Andrew, residing on the home farm with his mother; Martin, of Luverne, Minnesota, has a wife and four children; and Ella, wife of a Mr. Allen, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, has four children.

Cyrus Weber remained at home and worked with his father at the carpenter and millwright trades until he was twenty years old. Then, having become a proficient workman, he engaged in contracting on his own account, and continued in contract work for the next seven years.

In September, 1860, he enlisted at Berlin, Wisconsin, in the Third Wisconsin Battery. He participated in the battles of Crab Orchard, Kentucky, and Stone River, Chickamauga and Mission Ridge. He was finally discharged at Madison, Wisconsin, in August, 1865, having served all through the war, and during the whole of his service he was never taken prisoner or wounded, although his clothes were pierced with balls.

In September, 1865, in company with his brother-in-law, J. N. Silverthorn, another veteran of the late war, he set out for Minnesota, and after a tedious drive reached Martin county, October 12. Here he at once located a homestead claim, and upon it he has since lived and carried on farming operations. This place comprises lots 2, 3, 5 and 6, section 31, township 103, and range 32, and is on the north side of Fox Lake. Some years after securing this tract of land he planted the trees which surround his residence. The house he now occupies was erected in 1888.

Mr. Weber is a member of the G. A. R. and is a Republican in politics. He has never married, and lives a quiet life on his farm.

JACOB SANFORD.—This gentleman is one of the respected farmers of Martin county, his home being on the southeast quarter, section 5, township 102, range 32.

Mr. Sanford was born in the town of Berne, Albany county, New York, and is of Scotch and English extraction. Caleb Sanford, his grandfather, a native of Connecticut, was of Scotch origin, while grandfather Seth Fancher descended from the English. The latter served in the war of 1812. The children of Caleb Sanford were Appollas, Amos, David, Mrs. Betsey Frohman and Mrs. Shaw. David was the father of our subject. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Fancher, moved from Berne, New York, to Schoharie county, that State, in 1836. Their children are Caleb, who married Maria Rivenburg, and has a family of three sons and three daughters, is engaged in farming at Catskill, New York; Jacob, whose name appears at the head of this article; Chancell, who married Malissa Clough and has one son, is a machinist and lives in Massachusetts; Cynthia, wife of Stephen Dickinson, a farmer in Iowa, has three daughters and four sons; Rufus, an engineer of Ann Arbor, Michigan, married Julia Ludlow and has two children.

Jacob Sanford remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. Before attaining his majority he worked for a time in a brick yard and afterward on a sail boat, turning a portion of his wages over to his father, who was afflicted with lameness. During the Mexican war the subject of our sketch was employed in a cotton mill in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts. Shortly after beginning work there he determined to join a company that was going to the seat of war. Owing, however, to the fact that his employers required three weeks' notice prior to his quitting work, he was prevented from carrying out his purpose, the company having received its full quota of men and started for the scene of action before he was able to get a release.

Mr. Sanford remained in Massachusetts until April, 1855, when he came west to Beaver Dam, Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he rented and operated a farm for two years. He then moved to Germantown, Juneau county, that State, and engaged in shingle-making, rafting logs and general work. October 9, 1858, he moved to Buffalo county, Wisconsin, and rented a farm of eighty acres, which, three years later, he purchased, and to which he soon afterward added forty acres, making a fine farm of 120 acres. In March, 1879, Mr. Sanford visited Martin county, Minnesota, and looked carefully over the territory. He determined to locate here, and, placing his family in a wagon, drove through, arriving on the claim which he now occupies, April 25 of the same year. This claim, the location of which is stated above, was railroad land, and Mr. Sanford paid $8 an acre for it. All the improvements upon it have been placed here by him.

Mr. Sanford was married May 13, 1851, at Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, to Miss Jane Giddings. Mrs. Sanford was born September 8, 1834. Her father, John Giddings, a farmer, was born March 24, 1783, and died in Massachusetts in 1855. Her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Shaw, was born May 4, 1793, and died in October, 1869. Mr. and Mrs. John Giddings had eight daughters and three sons. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford are as follows: Nettie, born June 3, 1853, is the wife of Peter Bennett and has three sons and two daughters; Maria, born December 9, 1857, is the wife of DeWitt Madison Reynolds, a furniture dealer of Sherburne, and has one child; Julia, born February 3, 1861, is the wife of T. L. Records; Ella, born August 17, 1863, is the wife of Joseph Berg, of Omaha, Nebraska, and has three daughters and two sons; John, born June 26, 1867, is a farmer of Martin county; Albert Welcome, born April 3, 1869, has a half interest in the home farm and is giving his attention to its cultivation; and Otillie, born June 26, 1872, is at present employed on the Sherburne Advance.

Politically, Mr. Sanford is a Republican. Although having nearly reached his "threescore years and ten" he is still an active man. This is owing largely to his temperate habits. He is highly respected in his community and is one of the leading citizens of Manyaska township.

PRENTISS D. WORTHLEY, one of the substantial farmers of the vicinity of Sherburne, Minnesota, was born near Bangor, Maine, November 20, 1850, son of Conrad Cokely and Esther Ann (Bradbury) Worthley.

But little is known of the ancestry of this gentleman. One of his uncles, William Worthley, was a ship carpenter, and married and lived in Maine. His father, Conrad Cokely Worthley, was born in Maine in October, 1801, and died in De Kalb county, Illinois, September 29, 1877; his mother was born October 11, 1804, and died May 11, 1884. They had a family of six children, all of whom grew up to occupy honorable and useful positions in life, their names being as follows: Arvida Hefford, Elmira, Arthur, Helen, Albert Holton and Prentiss D.

When he was five years of age, Prentiss D. Worthley removed with his parents to Michigan City, Indiana, and two years later to Porter county, that State. After a residence of twelve years in Porter county, he went to McHenry county, Illinois, and in the spring of 1870, to De Kalb county, same State, locating in Kingston township. He was the first of the family to take up his abode in De Kalb county. There he farmed 140 acres of land, and continued to reside until September, 1885, when he came to Minnesota. At that time he purchased in Martin county the northeast quarter of section 31, township 102, range 32, and in 1892 bought the northwest quarter of section 32, same township and range, and now has a fine farm of 320 acres. He built his handsome residence shortly after his arrival, and his large barns in 1892.

Mr. Worthley was married December 10, 1878, to Amelia Uplinger, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wood) Uplinger. She was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1857, and her parents were also natives of that county. Her father was born November 12, 1819; moved to Kingston, Illinois, in 1866, and located on a farm of 240 acres near town, where he lived until 1882, when he moved into Kingston; and he died there October 6, 1893. Her mother, born June 2, 1823, is still living at Kingston. They were married July 31, 1840, and the names of their children, in order of birth, are: Mary, born May 27, 1843; Jacob, February 17, 1845; Susan, September 25, 1846; Charles, April 15, 1848; Sarah, May 25, 1850; John, July 15, 1852; Elmina, June 25, 1854, died January 7, 1880; Amelia, April 18, 1857; Franklin, September 10, 1859; Margaret, August 27, 1861; Elizabeth, April 17, 1863; Amanda, October 27, 1865; Martha, June 30, 1868. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Worthley are: Ralph, born October 26, 1879; Charlie, April 15, 1886; and Alvin Franklin, April 18, 1894.

In politics, Mr. Worthley is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Lake Belt Congregational Church, and they are among the most highly respected people of their community.

MRS. JOHN HENRY TERHURNE, who since the pioneer days has resided in Faribault county, was born in the kingdom of Prussia, Germany, September 28, 1838, on a farm belonging to her parents, William and Adelaide Rauenhorst. They also were natives of Prussia, and in 1846 sailed from the Fatherland, reaching New York after a voyage of six weeks upon the bosom of the Atlantic. They did not linger on Manhattan island but went at once to Wisconsin by way of the Hudson river and the Erie canal. The father located in Racine county, in the midst of a dense timber tract, and erected a log cabin and cut down the trees that the sun might shine upon the little pioneer home. When the

wild flowers began to send forth their tiny blossoms in the spring he began to prepare for his first crop, and the plowing and planting resulted in bounteous harvests of golden grain.

An interesting event in the lives of these pioneer people was the marriage of the daughter of the household, Wilhelmina, who on the 25th of August, 1857, became wife of John Henry Terhurne, the wedding ceremony being performed by Rev. Father Wissbauer, of Burlington, Wisconsin. Mr. Terhurne was born in Prussia, September 12, 1830, and in 1852, bidding good-by to friends and country, he sailed for America, locating in Wisconsin, where he became acquainted with and married Miss Rauenhorst.

The other members of her father's family are as follows: Henry is a farmer of Iowa; Bernard resides on the old family homestead in the Badger State; Theodore is a farmer of Barber township, Faribault county; Herman follows agricultural pursuits in the same township; Mrs. Terhurne is the next younger; and Henrietta, who completed the family, was born in 1830 and died in November, 1884, her remains being interred in the burying-ground of St. Mary's church. She was the wife of Bernard Stevemer, who resides in Barber township. In the spring of 1857 Mr. Henry Terhurne and his wife removed to Barber township. The latter erected a log house, in which his family lived for some time in the primitive style of the frontier. As the family circle was increased their home was enlarged. Mr. Terhurne devoted himself to the cultivation of his land and placed 240 acres under a high state of cultivation. After ten years he sold his first purchase and bought 320 acres, on which he resided until his removal to Easton in 1873. Previous to this time he conducted a small mercantile establishment at Wissner's Grove, and on coming to Easton Mr. Terhurne and Adam Scheid erected a modern store and opened a fine line of general merchandise. This was the first store of the place, but it soon grew in popularity and received a good trade from the surrounding country. Mr. Terhurne did much toward making the new settlers welcome and in aiding them to secure homes. He was a popular man, highly esteemed for his excellencies of character, and his friends were many.

During the late war he manifested his loyalty to his adopted country by responding to the President's call for troops, and on the 11th of November, 1864, he became a member of Company D, First Regiment of Minnesota Heavy Artillery. He was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, September 27, 1865, and he returned home with the consciousness of duty well done, for he was always found at his post, faithfully defending the old flag and the cause it represented. Public-spirited and progressive, he was actively interested in all that pertained to the welfare of this community and its upbuilding. In business dealing he was strictly honorable and straightforward, and a pleasant, genial manner won him many friends.

To Mr. and Mrs. Terhurne were born ten children, six sons and four daughters: John William, born September 6, 1858, has for a number of years conducted a saloon in the thriving village of Easton; John Herman, born August 16, 1860, is a hardware merchant and grain-buyer of Easton; Anna Maria, born January 21, 1862, was married April 11, 1879, in Easton, to George Smith, an agriculturist of

Minnesota Lake township; John Bernhard, born December 21, 1863, is a farmer of Lac-qui-parle county, Minnesota; Anna Elizabeth, born September 26, 1866, is the wife of John Pope, of Easton; John George, born March 16, 1868, is living in the same place; Maria Sophia, born July 15, 1870, is the wife of Charles Probart, a telegraph line repairer, of Perry, Iowa; John Henry, born December 23, 1872, and John Theodore, born March 10, 1876, are at home; Minnie Catherine, born June 5, 1878, died March 15, 1892, and was buried in St. Mary's cemetery by the side of her father. She possessed considerable musical ability, had a very good voice and was a member of the choir of St. Mary's Church. She had a sunny disposition, was loving and considerate, and her death proved an irreparable loss to her mother and the other members of the family, also to many of her dear companions.

Mr. Terhurne continued his business interests in Easton until 1884, and was a prominent and influential citizen of the community. On the 18th of December of that year he departed this life, and now lies sleeping in St. Mary's cemetery,—the ground for which was donated by him. His absence is keenly felt by wife and children, and only his likeness looks down from the wall of the pleasant home, which was erected by him and of which he was once the head, the loving counselor and the tender guide. His widow still survives him and is yet living in Easton. Her influence is strongly exerted for the best interests of the town, and all who know her love and revere her. She went through the experiences of pioneer life and has played an important part in producing the atmosphere of culture and refinement which pervades the pleasant little village in which she makes her home.

ANDREW CARLSON.—In the days when living in Martin county was not a pleasure but a hardship on account of the unsettled condition of the country, this being a frontier locality, Mr. Carlson came to Lake Fremont township. He has since been identified with its best interests and is accounted a progressive and valued citizen.

A native of Sweden,—of Scarsboro Land,—he was born on the 24th of January, 1836, and is a son of Carl Anderson, who was born in the same country, in November, 1806. Having arrived at years of maturity he married Annie Johnson, who was born January 1, 1807. The father never came to America, but died in the land of his birth on the 31st of March, 1861. In the family were the following children: Andrew, of this sketch; John, who was born May 3, 1839, and came to America, where he married. His wife died leaving two children, Selma and Frank. He is now engaged in farming in Martin county. Augustus, born November, 1843, married Louisa Larson, and is now living in Kansas City, Missouri, his business being railroading. His children are Betsy, Eugenia, Hilda, Theresa, Frank, Walter and Hening. Frederick, who was born in November, 1847, is a cook and is now living in Florida. Fredrica, born March 3, 1850, was married October 26, 1873, to Alfred Wenberg, and they had nine children. Julia Luella, the eldest, born July 31, 1875, died October 18, 1877; Martin William, born June 16, 1877, died on the 6th of October following; Joseph Richard, born July 28, 1878; Louisa Lorina, born October 6, 1880, died November 20, 1880; Elmer Cleander, born April 3, 1882, died on the 24th of May of the same year; Oscar Leonard, born September 2, 1884,

died August 21, 1885; Maud Eugenia, born August 2, 1887; Adolph Fritz, born February 19, 1890; Ruth Loretta, born February 20, 1892. Mr. Wenberg died November 8, 1892, and his widow is now living on a farm.

The first of this family to come to America was John Carlson, the date of his emigration being 1863, at which time he located in Rockford, Illinois. Two years later the mother with her children, Andrew, Frederick and Fredrica, came to the United States, landing in New York on the 28th of June, 1865. They were so unfortunate as to fall into the hands of some sharpers in New York, who robbed them of nearly all their money, and this kept them on the Atlantic coast for three months, as they had not the funds necessary to continue their journey. John then sent them some money and they came on through to Chicago, where they were met by the son already here. They had intended to locate in Iowa, but could find no land there to suit them, and finally they came to the Gopher State. Here the mother lived to a ripe old age, and had the satisfaction of seeing her children well settled in life. Her death occurred August 4, 1893, and was mourned by all who knew her.

For three years after his arrival in this country Andrew Carlson worked at whatever he could find to do that would yield him an honest living, and thus he obtained a start in life. In May, 1869, he came to Martin county and located the homestead where he now lives. He built a sod house and moved his family into it the following September. The title to this tract was received April 5, 1876, and the farm comprised 120 acres of land. In 1886 he purchased forty acres additional, the deed being executed May 25, 1891, and thus he obtained possession of the entire quarter section. February 17, 1889, he purchased eighty acres of land in section 12, and November 26, 1890, another eighty acres on section 23. Of this tract about sixty acres is slough land, and 135 acres is under the plow, being very highly cultivated. The owner is successfully engaged in stock-raising, and now has twenty-eight head of hogs, twenty-four head of cattle and ten horses. In 1890 he erected a large barn, and his outbuildings are models of convenience, splendidly adapted to the use for which they are intended. In the summer of 1893 was erected a fine residence, one of the most pleasant country homes of Martin county, and this he has been enabled to supply with all the necessaries and many of the luxuries of life.

On the 27th of December, 1861, Mr. Carlson was joined in wedlock with Miss Carrie Johnson, daughter of John and Bertha Johnson and a native of Sweden, born January 4, 1832. By this marriage have been born the following children: Emma Charlotta, who was born August 8, 1862, and died June 18, 1865; Augusta Christina, who was born January 8, 1865, and died on the 8th of June of that year; Emma Charlotta, who was born November 8, 1866, was married January 24, 1890, to John Frederick Nelson, and they are now living in Martin county with their little family. Alma, who was born January 27, 1891, died at the age of three weeks; Oscar Leonard, born February 17, 1892, and Voctor Robert, born October 23, 1894, are with their parents. Matilda Josephine, born June 21, 1870, was married November 16, 1891, to Henry Dirl, and they are living in Fairmont, Minnesota. Their children are Es-

ther Lena, who was born June 24, 1892, and Roy Arthur, born March 17, 1894. Ida Sophia, born June 1, 1872, and Frank Samuel Edwin, born September 17, 1874, are still with their father. Mrs. Carlson died on the 8th of February, 1895, after a short illness, and her remains were interred in the Swedish cemetery in Lake Fremont township.

Mr. Carlson is a member of the Lutheran church, and in his political views is a Republican. He is at present serving as School Director, and has filled all the township offices, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity that has won him high commendation. Probably no pioneer settler of Martin county presents a better example of the self-made man than does Mr. Carlson. He had practically nothing when he built his sod house a quarter of a century ago, and to-day he is recognized as one of the most substantial farmers in the county, and his buildings and surroundings are of the best. He has had to contend with difficulties which would have overpowered a man of less resolute purpose and determination, but the obstacles he has encountered have seemed to serve as an impetus for renewed effort, and he has labored the more industriously and earnestly. Working his way steadily upward he has achieved the success for which he was striving and is now the possessor of a comfortable competence.

DANIEL McCARTIN, a venerable citizen residing on a farm near Sherburne, Minnesota, was born in county Down, Ireland, December 24, 1814, or, about that year, son of John and Mary (O'Hare) McCartin. He is the youngest of a large family, the other members being as follows: Mrs. Catharine Fanning, Hugh, James, Mrs. Mary McCaffrey, John, Mrs. Rose McGowan, Antony, Patrick and Edward. Mr. McCartin's parents spent their lives and died on the Emerald Isle. Their son John was the first of the family to emigrate to America. He was a baker by trade, and settled in Fort Wayne, Indiana, about the year 1831. Antony, a shoemaker, was the next to emigrate, his location being Troy, New York, where he died soon after his arrival.

Daniel McCartin, accompanied by his brother Patrick, landed in New York, in May, 1866. Two years later Patrick went back to Ireland, and died soon after. Daniel came west immediately after his arrival in New York, and for two years and a half worked for a man by the name of Oliver Jones, in Fillmore county, Minnesota, receiving $20 per month. At the end of that time he went to Todd county, this State, and located a claim of 160 acres. This land was covered with a growth of small, scrubby timber, and did not altogether please him, but he went back to Fillmore county with the intention of returning to it, and in due time started. On going, he thought to pass through Martin county and visit the Kidds and Rooneys, whom he had known in Ireland; and when he reached Martin county he found much vacant land, and was so well pleased with the country that he determined to abandon his Todd-county claim and locate here. This was in May, 1871. He has lived here ever since, and has never regretted his choice of location. He selected the southeast quarter of section 22, Fox Lake township, and in time secured title to the same. In 1889, an additional eighty acres lying in section 26,

and purchased of George Wohlheter, was added to the place. The house in which Mr. McCartin now resides was moved here from Twin Lakes. Of the 240 acres in the farm, 180 are under cultivation, and at present the place is stocked as follows: 34 hogs, 20 cattle and 14 horses.

Mr. McCartin was first married to Betty Flannagan, the children of this marriage being Edward, John and Daniel. The eldest son, Edward, followed the sea. His vessel touched at Pensacola and other American ports, and the last heard of him was at Gloucester, Massachusetts, where he was engaged in the fisheries. His correspondence, which had always been regular, ceased suddenly, and it is supposed he went down off the Massachusetts coast. John, the second son, was born in November, 1854. He is his father's stand-by, and one of the leading farmers of Martin county, he having charge of the home place. Daniel, born in December, 1856, married Annie Doyle, and is now living at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, his children being Mary, Alice, Daniel Henry, Lewis Edward, and Sadie. The two younger sons, John and Daniel, joined their father in America in 1866. Mr. McCartin's second and present wife was Ellen O'Neil, and their children are Mary, Ellen and Catharine Ann, all born in Ireland. When Mr. McCartin came to America he left his family in Ireland; and, the means of communication being not as good in those days as now, he bought tickets and forwarded them to his daughters. The first he sent were never received; so he sent again, and, in the latter part of 1883, his daughters landed safely in Minnesota. Then, in 1885, Mrs. McCartin joined her husband here, and thus the family that had been so long separated were happily united. In addition to the above named children, Mr. McCartin has an adopted son, Frank McCartin, whom he took from the Sister's Home in Minnesota, the date of his birth being July 17, 1882.

Possibly no settler in this broad State has had a more discouraging experience than has Mr. McCartin. He not only suffered from the four-year plague of grasshoppers, but he also has had losses from fire and cyclone. About the time he got nicely fixed,—a large rick of wheat, a barn, stock, etc.,—a fire swept over all and left him without anything except his land. This fire was lighted by one Seymore, and, although Mr. McCartin obtained judgment against his property to the amount of his loss, he never succeeded in recovering a cent. He is now, after many privations and hardships, comfortably well off himself, sees his children in a fair way to prosperity, and is honored and respected by all who know him. That he is held in high esteem is shown by the fact that his neighbors, irrespective of party or church, have given him office in the town, as a member of the Township Board. He is now about eighty years old, is remarkably well preserved in body, and his mind is perfectly clear. The wish of his numerous friends is that he may live many years to come.

JOSEPH M. NYE is Superintendent of Schools of Faribault county, and the educational interests of this section of the State have been greatly advanced through his untiring and capable efforts in their behalf. Well fitted for this responsible position, his fidelity to duty and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen was demonstrated by his re-elec-

tion. He makes his home in Wells, which has been his place of residence since 1871.

A native of the province of Quebec, Canada, he was born November 29, 1843, and is a son of David T. R. and Emily B. (Munson) Nye. The father was born in St. Albans, Vermont, and was a son of Rev. Jonathan Nye, one of the first ministers of the gospel at St. Albans and a high Mason. In Wareham, New Hampshire, David T. R. Nye was reared and educated, and after attaining to years of maturity made his home chiefly in Philipsburg, Province of Quebec. He served as Colonel of militia and was a prominent member of the Episcopal Church, in which he held office. After a long and well-spent life he passed away, at the advanced age of eighty-three, and his wife was called to the home beyond at the age of eighty-one. In their family were four children, as follows: George T., who died in Newbern, North Carolina, while in the service of the Government; Mary, wife of George S. Jones of Philipsburg, Canada; Joseph M., the subject of this review; and Jessie M., who died at the age of eleven years.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch received an academic education, and at the age of sixteen left home to make his own way in the world. He has since been dependent upon his own resources, so that whatever success has come to him is due to his own efforts. He was first employed as telegraph operator at Berthier, on the St. Lawrence river below Montreal, then went to Rutland, Vermont, and a year later engaged as a military telegraph operator at Washington. He later served in the same capacity at Hilton Head, South Carolina, and at Fort Pulaski, Georgia, after which he returned to Montreal and was employed by the Grand Trunk Railroad for one year. Mr. Nye, on again coming to the United States, located in New York, where he was employed in the Stock Exchange for three years, coming thence to the West and taking up his residence in La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he was manager of the erection of the telegraph line for the Southern Minnesota Railroad Company, the line to extend from La Crosse to Winnebago City, Minnesota. From 1868 to 1871 he held the position of train dispatcher for that division, with headquarters at La Crosse, after which he spent a half year in Winnebago City, two years at Wells and two years at Hokah, in the same capacity. Mr. Nye was much pleased with Wells, and on leaving Hokah returned to this city, where he engaged in the banking business and in merchandising for eighteen months. Subsequently he established a drug store, which he conducted from 1879 until 1893, when he sold out. Since the 1st of January of the latter year he has served as County Superintendent of Schools for Faribault county, and under his able leadership and guidance the standard of the schools has been greatly raised, and the county may well be proud of her educational facilities.

On the 24th of April, 1871, in Philipsburg, Canada, Mr. Nye was joined in wedlock with Miss Esther Roberts, an educated and refined lady, a daughter of Chester and Hannah (Russell) Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Nye have three children; Jessie M., a highly honored teacher in Wells; Charles M., also a successful teacher, and Frank C., who is a student in the high school.

In politics Mr. Nye is now a supporter of Republicanism. He was first elected to office on the Democratic ticket and afterward on an independent ticket, by a major-

ity of 346. He has served as Town Clerk, has been a member and president of the Village Council and of the School Board. He holds membership in Lodge No. 87, F. & A. M., in which he is now serving as Secretary; and also belongs to Lodge No. 39, A. O. U. W., of which order he is Past Grand Master of the State, while in the Knights of Pythias he is Past Chancellor.

JOHN STEPHEN SCHULEIN, a well-known and much respected farmer residing near Welcome, Minnesota, dates his birth in Bavaria, Germany, September 11, 1842. He is a son of George and Barbara (Nasser) Schulein.

George Schulein, also a native of Germany, was born in October, 1812. He came to America in 1881 and settled in Freeborn county, Minnesota, where he still lives. The mother of John S. died in April, 1853, aged forty-one years. They had four children, namely: John S., whose name heads this article; Barbara, who married G. Reim, a farmer of Freeborn county, Minnesota; Margaret, wife of Christian Virgens, a farmer of Martin county; and Eva, wife of Michael Nasser. After the mother of these children died, Mr. Schulein was married again. He had no children by his second wife, and it was shortly after her death that he came to America.

The subject of our sketch was the first of the Schulein family to come to the New World. He landed in New York in October, 1869, and immediately came west to Freeborn county, Minnesota, where he worked for wages at railroading, farming, and whatever he could find to do. May 1, 1871, he came to Martin county and located his present farm, the north half of the northeast quarter, section 26, Fox Lake township. Later he took the south half of the same quarter, under the homestead law, and finally secured title to the entire quarter. In May, 1888, he bought an additional 120 acres from the railroad company, thus making 280 acres all told. Of this tract 150 acres are under cultivation. The fine grove which surrounds the house and which is an attractive feature of the place, was set out in 1872. Mr. Schulein's farm is stocked as follows: Eighty head of hogs, thirty of cattle, and nine of horses.

November 14, 1869, Mr. Schulein was married, in Germany, to Mary Barkhard, and they have children as follows: Eva, born November 13, 1870, was married to Herrman Gottschling, November 13, 1894; George, born December 17, 1872; John, born April 18, 1875, is now attending college at Albert Lea; William, born April 3, 1878; Amelia, January 12, 1881; Rosina, January 18, 1885; Edwin, February 23, 1889; and Harry, January 8, 1892.

After years of honest and arduous toil, Mr. Schulein has succeeded in acquiring a competency and in surrounding himself and family with all the comforts of life. He is a member of the Lutheran Church at Welcome, and he and his family are among the most highly esteemed people of their community.

PHILIP WOHLHUTER devotes his time and energies to farming on section 24, Fox Lake township, Martin county, where he owns 240 acres of valuable land. His fine farm, neat and thrifty in appearance, denotes his careful supervision and tells to the passer-by of the busy life of the owner.

Mr. Wohlhuter was born on the 5th of February, 1856, in Alsace, Germany, and is a son of Valentine and Eva (Wohlhuter) Wohlhuter. The paternal grandfather, Michael Wohlhuter, had a family of six children, namely: Mae, Lawrence, Valentine, Kate, George and Michael. The father, Valentine Wohlhuter, was born in Germany, November 10, 1823, and after arriving at years of maturity was married, on the 10th of October, 1848, to Miss Eva, daughter of Philip Wohlhuter, who, though of the same name, was not a relative. The latter had a family of six children,—Philip, Lena, Paul, Sarah, Eva and Valentine. The mother was born December 23, 1819, and died on the 2d of January, 1885. Ere the parents left their native land four children were born to them, as follows: Valentine, who was born August 18, 1849, and is now living in Fairmont, Minnesota; Eva, wife of F. Barge, also of Fairmont; Philip; and Frederick, who was born January 18, 1862, and is now living in Kingsboro county, South Dakota, where he is acting as agent for C. L. Coleman, the extensive lumberman. He married Lily Carrot, and they have two children, Eva and Albert.

The first of the family to seek a home beyond the Atlantic was the eldest son, who in 1868 sailed for the United States. Reporting favorably concerning this country, the following year the parents, accompanied by Philip, sailed from Havre, France, reaching New York on the 2d of April. They continued their journey across the country to Freeborn county, Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming until 1871. On the 29th of September of that year he arrived in Martin county and secured a homestead, comprising the south half of the northwest quarter of section 24, Fox Lake township, where he has since lived, being now an inmate of the home of his son Philip, who in his father's declining years now repays him in part for the care which he received in his youth.

Philip Wohlhuter was a lad of only ten summers when he sought a home in America, and with his parents he lived until after he had reached man's estate. He made his first purchase of land in 1885, becoming owner of eighty acres,—the west half of the northeast quarter of section 24, Fox Lake township. This he at once began to cultivate and improve, and as his financial resources increased he added to the first another eighty acres, buying the other in 1890. He is now the owner of 240 acres, of which 150 acres is broken, and, highly cultivated, yields to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestows upon it. There are a beautiful grove of two acres and neat and well-kept buildings, all of which go to make this one of the valuable farms of the neighborhood. In addition to the cultivation of grain he also engages in stock-raising to some extent, and now has eight horses, twenty-seven head of cattle and thirty-six hogs.

The lady who bears the name and graces the home of Mr. Wohlhuter was in her maidenhood Miss Agnes Gottschling, daughter of August and Christina (Schultz) Gottschling. She was born October 26, 1873, and the marriage was celebrated November 27, 1891. Their children are Arthur Hermann Philip, born November 1, 1892, and Alvina Mary, born February 12, 1894.

The parents hold membership in the Lutheran church. Mr. Wohlhuter was confirmed in the church then located at Fox Lake, December 10, 1876, by Rev. Ernst Giesel, and his wife was confirmed in Wel-

come, in the spring of 1889, by Rev. C. G. Eisenberg. In politics he is a stalwart advocate of Republican principles, and uses his influence and support to insure the success and promote the growth of the party. At this writing, in the spring of 1895, he is serving as a member of the Town Board of Supervisors, and was recently Constable. Although his life has been quietly passed he has lived to merit the esteem of those with whom he is brought in contact, and his friends in the commnnity are many.

CHRISTOPHER LUEDAMAN, a prosperous and respected farmer residing near Welcome, Minnesota, was born in Hanover, Germany, December 31, 1841, son of John and Lena (Jergens) Luedaman. The father was a carpenter by trade and died in Germany in 1845. He was twice married. His first wife was Lena Jergens, who died leaving three children, Henry, Christopher and Peter. The children by his second wife, whose maiden name was Lucretia Beakman, were as follows: Mary, wife of Henry Bruins; Lena, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Drewes; Katy, wife of Christopher Huelot; and Caroline, who married Henry Berkman, is also deceased.

Christopher Luedaman left his native land April 4, 1869, and landed in New York on the 17th of that month, from there coming directly west to Preston, Fillmore county, Minnesota, where the Drewes family, his cousins, lived. In July of the same year, in company with Messrs. Hermann Black and Heinrich Drewes, he came to Martin county and located his homestead,—the east half of the southeast quarter, section 10, Fox Lake township. He secured title to this tract of land April 21, 1877. In the summer of 1869 he put up a small house on his claim, and after doing so returned to Fillmore county and worked for wages six months. Then he came back to his land in Martin county and has resided on it ever since, devoting his earnest efforts to its cultivation and improvement. In 1884 he bought forty acres adjoining it on the north, and now has 120 acres, sixty of which are under cultivation. That same year, 1884, he built his present residence. His grove was set out in 1870.

Mr. Luedaman was married June 15, 1879, to Katy Muehler, daughter of Henry and Mary (Drewes) Muehler. She came to this country when a child, with the Drewes family. Her married life covered only a few years, her untimely death occurring April 22, 1884, and she left two children: Mary Lena, born June 25, 1880; and Anna Mary, March 8, 1882. June 27, 1884, Mr. Luedaman married Mrs. Dora Koukal, widow of John Koukal. Her maiden name was Peterson, she being a daughter of John and Mary (Womdraw) Peterson. Her marriage to Mr. Koukal occurred in November, 1872, and by him she had two children: William, born August 7, 1875; and Anna, born March 31, 1877. She and Mr. Luedaman have one child, Sophia Wilhelmina, born April 17, 1885.

Mr. Luedaman united with the Lutheran Church when quite young, and still worships with this denomination.

HEINRICH DREWES, who is engaged in farming near Welcome, Minnesota, is another one of the thrifty German settlers of Martin county. He was born in Hanover, Ger-

Peter Kramer.

many, September 7, 1846, a son of John and Mary (Hendricks) Drewes, the other members of the family being Katrina, deceased wife of Henry Kruse, who left two children, Mary and Peter; and Hermann, who died in Chicago, Illinois. Heinrich and Hermann were the only ones of the family that came to America.

The subject of our sketch and his friend, Hermann C. Black, a respected citizen of Martin county, were born in the same year, grew up together, and when they reached manhood emigrated to this country in order to avoid serving for a term of years in the German army. Landing in New York, they secured positions as gardeners in that city, and subsequently came west to Minnesota, first locating in Fillmore county and later coming to Martin county. Here they located adjoining homesteads, Mr. Drewes' land being the south half of the northwest quarter of section 2, Fox Lake township. Later he bought an additional eighty acres, and now has 160 acres in one body, and here he is successfully carrying on farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Drewes was married March 7, 1875, to Caroline Kleimenhagen, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Heimel) Kleimenhagen. Her father was born November 3, 1816, and died February 22, 1891, and her mother, born November 9, 1824, died March 12, 1871. Mrs. Drewes was their second child, the date of her birth being January 2, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Drewes have children as follows: Henry Hermann, born Septemer 29, 1875; Ida Wilhelmina, October 4, 1876; Lydia Selma, January 24, 1878; William Bernhardt, July 1, 1881; Hannah Mary, December 28, 1882; Alvin Cæsar, October 18, 1884; and Elmore Richard, August 19, 1888.

Mr. Drewes united with the Evangelical Church in Fillmore county, and transferred his membership to Martin county on the erection of a church here.

PETER KREMER has probably been the most important factor in the upbuilding of Minnesota Lake, an honored pioneer of southern Minnesota and a business man whose enterprising efforts have largely promoted the material prosperity of this section of the State. A native of France, he was born in Lorraine, not far from the beautiful city of Metz, on the 7th of March, 1839, and acquired his education in the common and parochial schools of Alden, Erie county, New York, and in the Catholic Institute in Lancaster, of the same county. The days of his boyhood and youth were passed in his parents' home, and he became familiar with all the duties of farm life. He followed the fortunes of his father until 1874, at which time he became a resident of Minnesota Lake, which was incorporated in 1872. Mr. Kremer took an active part in the organization of the town board, and has been identified with all interests calculated to promote the general welfare.

For many years Mr. Kremer has been engaged in grain dealing, shipping to Milwaukee and Chicago, and is doing a good business, which is constantly increasing. He was also an extensive dealer in hogs and cattle, sending many car-loads to St. Paul and Sioux City, also to Chicago. His business interests have been very capably and successfully managed, and thereby he has won a handsome competence. In August, 1892, was organized a private bank in Minnesota Lake, and in August, 1894, upon its re-or-

ganization, it received its present name of the Security State Bank. It is capitalized for $10,000, and its present officers are Peter Kremer, president; J. H. Joice, vice president; and Myron Godding, cashier. It has become one of the safe and substantial concerns of the county and is of great convenience to the residents of this section as well as a source of income to those interested.

Mr. Kremer was married on the 6th of November, 1893, to Miss Millie Zabel, a daughter of August and Louise (Klingbeil) Zabel. Mrs. Kremer is a native of Washington county, Wisconsin, and a woman of rare intellectual ability, who accompanied her parents on their removal to Blue Earth county, Minnesota, in 1876. The parents of Mrs. Peter Kremer are now enjoying a much needed rest in retirement in their very pretty home in Danville, Blue Earth county. The father has celebrated his sixty-fourth birthday, while the truly Christian mother has passed her sixty-second. Herman Zabel, brother of Mrs. Kremer, manages a large mercantile house in Minnesota Lake, in which Mrs. Kremer and her brother are equally interested.

In politics Mr. Kremer is a Democrat on questions of national importance, but at local elections, where no issue is involved, he does not consider himself bound by party ties. He has creditably filled various positions of honor and trust, and for the past twelve years he has been the popular and efficient President of the Village Board of Minnesota Lake, devoted to its best interests, and his efforts have been very successful in promoting its growth and prosperity. He has served for three successive terms as County Commissioner and then nominated his own successor; has been a member of the Town Board of Supervisors; was elected Assessor of Danville township in 1861, filling that position for fourteen years, has been Town Marshal for nine years, and in all these various offices has discharged his duties with a promptness and fidelity that has won him the commendation of all concerned. The cause of education finds in him a warm friend, and he has done all in his power for its advancement. For some years he has served as School Treasurer, and the high standard of excellence of the schools of this community is largely due to his efforts.

For many years Mr. Kremer has been one of the most familiar figures on the streets of Minnesota Lake, and is also one of the best known citizens of this locality. He is very popular, for he possesses a whole-souled geniality and worth of character that wins him high esteem. His friends are many, and his home is the abode of hospitality. A man of fine physique he stands five feet, eleven and a half inches in height and weighs 220 pounds.

FRANKLIN L. PARK, an early pioneer and prominent farmer of section 23, Martin county, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, April 6, 1842. He removed with his parents to Wisconsin when fourteen years of age, and four years afterward came to Martin county, Minnesota. He remained at home until reaching his majority, assisting in clearing and improving the farm. In 1863 he located on the farm he now owns, then wild land, but his place of 203 acres is now under a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Park also owns 160 acres on section 3, same township. He has always been extensively

engaged in stock-raising, and still owns about seventy-five head of cattle.

In 1862 Mr. Park offered his services as a soldier, but was rejected. In 1863, however, he was drafted and paid the bounty of $300, and immediately after enlisted, becoming a member of Company A, Eleventh Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the Civil war. He is now a member of Clabaugh Post, G. A. R., of Winnebago City.

Mr. Park was first married in 1870 to Marinda Ayers, a native of Cayuga county, New York. To this union were born five children, viz.: Fred, who married Hattie Wheeler; Minnie, wife of John Willet; Chancey, attending school; Frankie and Allen. Mrs. Park died March 10, 1889. In 1890 our subject was united in marriage with Elizabeth Hill, a native of Chemung county, New York, and a daughter of Felix and Julia (Hoover) Hill. Mrs. Park was twelve years of age when she came to Faribault county, Minnesota. She was first married to William Greenman. In political matters Mr. Park affiliates with the Republican party, and has held all the township offices.

HON. JOHN HENRY BURMESTER is president of the German American State Bank and one of the leading merchants of Wells. In the trying times which preceded the Revolution Patrick Henry said, "The battle is not to the strong alone: it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave." This is equally true of him who would win the victory in commercial life. Success comes to the "vigilant," who watches opportunities and advantages; to the "active," who utilizes the opportunities as they are presented; and to the "brave,"—the man who dares to follow honorable, straightforward principles, scorning to employ any underhand measures. Such a man as Mr. Burmester, who has been identified with Faribault county since 1856,—one of its most honored and highly esteemed citizens.

He was born in the Province of Hanover, Germany, February 8, 1850, and is the only child of Henry (better known as Henry Burmester, Sr.,) and Elizabeth (Miller) Burmester, who were also natives of the same province, where their ancestors had lived for many generations. The father worked as a farm laborer in Germany until the spring of 1856, when, accompanied by his wife and little son, he embarked at Hamburg on the sailing vessel Deutschland, bound for the New World. After seven weeks on the ocean anchor was dropped in the harbor of New York, and the family went thence to Illinois, locating near Chicago, where they resided until the following autumn, when they came to Foster township, Faribault county, Minnesota. The father entered from the Government 160 acres of land, for which he had to pay $1.25 per acre. This was during President Buchanan's administration, when money was scarce. As he had not the ready capital, he was obliged to borrow the money at a high rate of interest, but later was enabled to pay off all indebtedness and to add to the farm eighty acres more. Our subject has also extended its boundaries by the additional purchase of eighty acres, and the old homestead now comprises 320 acres of rich farming land, which is under a high state of cultivation and is improved with all modern accessories and conveniences. Besides his home farm, Mr. Burmester has a landed

estate of about 1,000 acres. The farm is a monument to the thrift and enterprise of the father and son, for it was acquired and improved through their earnest efforts. Henry Burmester has been frequently called upon to fill public offices of honor and trust, and is numbered among the honored pioneers and valued citizens of the community. In May, 1876, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, and since that time has made his home with his son. In politics he is a thorough Republican, and religiously is a consistent member of the Evangelical Association, to which his wife also belonged.

John Henry Burmester was a little lad of only six summers when brought by his parents to this country. The greater part of his life has therefore been passed in Faribault county, and with its development he has been prominently identified. He has seen its wild lands transformed into beautiful homes and farms, its hamlets become thriving towns and villages, with manufactories and industries and business interests which would do credit to the older cities of the East. In all the work of advancment Mr. Burmester has ever borne his part, and the community owes much to his efforts in its behalf.

On the 21st of June, 1876, was celebrated his marriage with Miss Bertha Middledoff, daughter of Fred and Dorothea (Miller) Middledoff, and the first white child born in the vicinity of Blue Earth City. Her father died while she was an infant, and her mother afterward married George Middledoff. The young couple, upon their marriage, took up their abode on the old home farm, and Mr. Burmester continued its cultivation with excellent success until 1892, when he abandoned agricultural pursuits to enter commercial life, and came to Wells. The previous year he had erected his present fine brick store building, and on coming here embarked in merchandising under the name of Oehler, Schroeder & Company, which firm carried on the business until the fall of 1894, when it was succeeded by the present firm of Burmester & Miller. They carry a large stock of general merchandise and have a well-appointed store. Their trade comes from the best class of people and they receive a liberal patronage. In connection with this enterprise Mr. Burmester was one of the organizers of the German American State Bank, was elected its first president, and has since filled that position most acceptably. Through his able administration it has become one of the substantial monetary concerns of the county, and it pays to the stockholders a good dividend.

To Mr. and Mrs. Burmester have been born six children: Ernest A., Amanda Elizabeth, Henry George and Helen Bertha. They also lost two, Walter Richard and Emma E., who died in childhood. The parents are active workers and consistent members of the Evangelical Association, and are devoted to all worthy interests which are calculated to promote the social, educational or moral welfare of the community.

In his political views our subject is a Republican who warmly advocates the principles of his party. His worth and ability have frequently caused him to be the people's choice for office, and for ten years he served as Chairman of the Township Board of Supervisors, while in 1879 he was elected to the office of County Commissioner, serving three years. In 1882 he was elected to the State Legislature, being the farmers'

candidate, and again he was put on their ticket, but at that election suffered defeat. His public duties are faithfully performed, and unselfishly he labors for the best interests of the community and the people he is serving. When the Farmers' Warehouse Company was organized in 1887 he was chosen president, and he has also served as president of the Farmers' Insurance Company and been identified with all movements which would be of advantage to agricultural classes. A splendid success crowns the efforts of Mr. Burmester. He is now one of the wealthy men of the county, yet his possessions have all been obtained through his own diligence, perseverance, and well-managed enterprises. In all he has adhered closely to honorable business methods and principles, and the word of Mr. Burmester is known to be as good as his bond. All who know him trust and respect him, and he is certainly worthy of the high regard in which he is held.

FRANKLIN BARNES, who resides on section 10, Jo Daviess township, Faribault county, is prominently connected not only with the agricultural interests of southern Minnesota, but is also a leading representative of the commercial interests. His connection with public affairs has been of benefit to the community in various ways, promoting public progress and advancing the material development.

Mr. Barnes was born in the old town of Bowdoin, Sagadahoc county, Maine, on the 7th of February, 1843, and descends from one of the old New England families which was founded in America in early Colonial days. The grandfather, John Barnes, was born near Harpswell, Maine, in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and served in the war of 1812. He was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Blanchard, who was a native of Woolwich, Maine, and their entire lives were passed in the Pine Tree State. The former was a tanner by trade and followed that pursuit and farming as a means of livelihood. His career was a useful one, and was terminated by death when he reached the age of seventy-four years. His wife was called to the home beyond at the age of fifty-two. The father of our subject, Elbridge G. Barnes, was born in Bowdoin, Maine, on the 5th of January, 1813, and when he arrived at years of maturity he was joined in wedlock with Miss Abigail Hall, who was born in Litchfield, Maine, November 8, 1814. Like the Barnes family, the Halls early settled on the coast of Maine and were worthy citizens. Elbridge G. Barnes is still living, and his years rest lightly upon him, he enjoying a hearty old age. His wife passed away many years ago, her death having occured on the 5th of May, 1845. They were the parents of six children, but only two of the family still survive,—Franklin, of this sketch, and E. L., a resident farmer of Jo Daviess township, Faribault county.

The member of the family in whom the readers of this volume are most interested is the gentleman whose name introduces this review, and it gives us pleasure to record the sketch of his life. Under the parental roof he spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and at the age of nineteen he began to earn his own living. His first independent effort in life was as a farm hand, he having become familiar with that labor by assisting his father in the fields of the old home farm. For several years he was thus em-

ployed. At length he decided to try his fortune in the West, for he believed he might thereby better his financial resources. In 1869 he emigrated to Wisconsin, locating on Grand Prairie, Green Lake county, where for two years he made his home. For almost a quarter of a century he has lived in Faribault county, dating his arrival here from 1871, and in the fall of the latter year his father emigrated from the State of Maine, and is still living, with his son.

In 1871, Mr. Barnes of this sketch, on his arrival here, located on section 10, Jo Daviess township, on a portion of his present farm. He first purchased eighty acres of land which had been broken but otherwise unimproved. In a log cabin here he began life, and with characteristic energy devoted himself to the further cultivation of his land, which in course of time was transformed into rich and fertile fields that yield to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation bestowed upon them. The boundaries of his farm have since been extended by additional purchase and he is now the owner of 160 acres, besides 160 acres in Martin county, Minnesota. His barns and outbuildings are models of convenience: he has the latest improved machinery and all the accessories and conveniences of a first-class farm of the nineteenth century. He manages his affairs most admirably. To successfully carry on a business one must study and plan, and no detail of the work is unfamilliar to Mr. Barnes, notwithstanding his other extensive interests. This is certainly the cause, in a great degree, of his prosperity.

In his early life Mr. Barnes learned the carpenter's trade, and for several years he was a builder and contractor for building in this region, following that pursuit until 1883. He enjoyed an extensive patronage, and the large trade added materially to his income. In the year just mentioned he abandoned his work as contractor in order to engage in the windmill business, which he has followed since in connection with the Elgin Wind Power & Pump Company, of Elgin, Illinois. It has been thoroughly demonstrated that this is the only windmill able to really stand against the tremendous winds of Minnesota, and in consequence Mr. Barnes has prospered in this undertaking. During the past eleven years he has put up over 400 of these windmills, and they are scattered throughout this State and northern Iowa. Mr. Barnes is also interested in one of the thriving mercantile establishments in Blue Earth City, and like all the other interests with which he is connected it is enjoying a fine patronage.

Mr. Barnes has been twice married. He first wedded Miss R. M. Towle, a daughter of Samuel and Martha (Norton) Towle. She was born December 23, 1847, and died on the 31st of December, 1878, leaving one son, J. F. Barnes, who is now engaged in merchandising in Blue Earth City. Our subject was again married May 11, 1879, his second union being with Miss Martha Towle, a sister of his first wife. Her father was born in Maine, November 15, 1813, and was for many years engaged in school-teaching,—an educator of recognized ability and prominence. Late in life he moved to Wisconsin, where he died, at the advanced age of seventy-nine years, September 22, 1892.

Franklin Barnes is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. A broad-minded, broad-gauged man, there is nothing narrow or mean in his nature. He is possessed of remarkable energy and busi-

ness ability, and is well known as one of the most successful and progressive business men of this locality. His sagacity and far-sightedness enable him to fully understand a situation and enable him to take advantage of a favorable opportunity for promoting his own interests and those of the county, which are very dear to him. The present advanced condition of this section of Minnesota is due to such men as Mr. Barnes, who exercises his influence for the best welfare of the community. The men who occupy seats in the legislative halls of the State are prominent factors in the commonwealth, yet their services would avail little were it not for the sustaining and upholding influence of the men who remain at home devoted to the business and material interests of their respective communities. They form the bone and sinew of the nation and to them all credit is due.

NELS PETER CLEMMENSEN, one of the enterprising men and leading farmers of Martin county, Minnesota, is located on the northwest quarter of section 18, township 103, range 32. A sketch of his life is appropriate here, and is as follows:

Nels Peter Clemmensen was born in Fuen county, Denmark, May 11, 1840, son of Lois and Martelena (Clemmensen) Clemmensen. He was reared in his native land and was there married, December 9, 1862, to Christina Jorkensen. April 21, 1873, accompanied by his family, then consisting of wife and five children, Mr. Clemmensen left Denmark, and on the 17th of the following month landed at Boston. From there he at once proceeded to West Point, Cummings county, Nebraska, where he rented 160 acres of land from Hans Peterson, which he farmed two years. He then leased a quarter section of school land and cultivated it till his removal to Martin county, Minnesota, in July, 1883. Immediately upon his arrival here he purchased the farm on which he now lives of R. M. Ward. This tract was then in its virgin state, not a furrow turned on it. He at once built his house and barn and established his residence upon the premises. In 1885 he began planting trees, and now has a fine grove. He has over a hundred trees of the Russian mulberry variety, the only trees of the kind in the county, and they seem well adapted to the climate. In May, 1893, Mr. Clemmensen purchased of Valentine Wohlhuter 106 acres of land located in Elm Creek township, section 13, range 33, and adjoining his present farm. Of his original quarter section, he now has 130 acres in cultivation. His farm is stocked with twenty-seven head of cattle, sixteen hogs and fourteen horses. The past year, 1894, he had the following grain acreage: wheat, 10 acres; oats, 30 acres; barley, 10 acres; corn, 32 acres. In addition to this he rented a tract of sixty acres, which was planted in flax.

Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Clemmensen, we make record as follows: Johannah Margaret, born February 14, 1863, is now living in Fairmont; John Peter, a boot and shoe dealer of Sherburne; Hans Christian, born March 19, 1867, and died September 25, 1887; Mary, born November 12, 1870, died January 24, 1875; Andrew Robert, born March 2, 1871, has recently spent some years in California and is now assisting his father on the home farm; Edwin, born in Nebraska, October 5, 1874, died at Sherburne May 29, 1891; Morris,

born in Nebraska, August 3, 1877, is a member of the home circle.

Politically, Mr. Clemmensen has been identified with the Republican party ever since he became an American citizen.

FRANK McCLELLAN CANRIGHT, foreman of the Martin County Democrat and a well known citizen of Fairmont, who has spent almost his entire life in Martin county, was born in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, on the 25th of October, 1863, and is a son of J. E. and D. H. (Walbridge) Canright. When our subject was only two years of age his parents came to Martin county, settling on a farm about three miles from Fairmont, where Frank M. was reared to manhood. As soon as he was old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields and early became familiar with all the duties of farm life. The district schools of the neighborhood afforded him his early educational privileges, and later he attended the schools of Fairmont. At the age of eighteen years he left the farm, not desiring to carry on agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life, and began learning the printer's trade with Frank A. Day, editor of the Sentinel, of Fairmont, with whom he served three years' apprenticeship, during which time he thoroughly mastered the business, becoming familiar with it in all its details.

On the expiration of that period Mr. Canright left his Minnesota home and returned to the State of his nativity, locating in Milwaukee, where he was employed for two years on the force of the Milwaukee Sentinel, then spent three years in doing job printing. Returning to Fairmont he was offered and accepted the position of foreman of the Martin County Democrat and has since filled that position with credit to himself and satisfaction to the owners of the establishment. Through his instrumentality the paper has been kept up to a high standard and he devotes himself untiringly to his work.

In the year 1889 Mr. Canright was united in marriage with Miss Kattie M. Moran, the wedding taking place in Milwaukee. The lady was born and spent her maidenhood days in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and attended the schools of White Water. She is a lady of culture and refinement, highly educated, and has made many friends since her arrival in Fairmont. To our subject and his wife has been born one child, a son, Emory, born in 1891.

On questions of State and national importance Mr. Canright supports the Republican party, but at local elections where no issue is involved he votes for the man whom he thinks best qualified for office, regardless of party affiliations. The best interests of the city are given his hearty co-operation and he is a public-spirited and progressive man, who keeps fully abreast with the times in every particular. In the county where he has so long made his home, he has a wide acquaintance, and as many of his best friends have known him from boyhood, such a fact therefore indicates a well-spent life.

ALFRED MAXIM, a farmer residing near Sherburne, Minnesota, is a native of Warren county, New York, his birthplace being ten miles from Lake George, and his parents, Asil and Polly Maxim. Asil Maxim was a native

of Connecticut, and a typical Yankee in every sense of the word. He was of English descent, while his wife traced her ancestry back to Scotland. They had eleven children, Alfred being the youngest; and the others in the following order: Wilson, Dennis, Nelson, Charles, Samuel, Harvey, Mary, Jane, Almira and Margaret.

Alfred Maxim began to shift for himself when he was only seven years of age, at that time going to live with Mr. John Kenyon, for whom he worked for his board. Later he went to Otsego county, New York, and made his home with his sister. Next we find him at Freeport, Steuben county, New York, where he formed the acquaintance of Dr. Peter House, a graduate of the State University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and under his instructions began the study of medicine. Subsequently he attended a course of twelve lectures, given at Freeport, by Professor O'Leary, an eminent physician and a graduate of one of the prominent educational institutions of the old country. After this Mr. Maxim practiced medicine in the East for a while, and then began to travel, his restless disposition preventing him from quietly settling down to his profession.

It was in 1882, September 20, that Mr. Maxim landed in Martin county, Minnesota. He traded 120 acres of land in Shawnee county, Wisconsin, for eighty acres in this county, owned by Charles Seymour, this eighty acres being the west half of the northeast quarter of section 28, township 103 (Fox Lake), range 32. Later he bought an adjoining forty-acre tract of Mrs. Jenkins, this making 120 acres. In 1888 he took a tree claim of eighty acres in section 18, same township and range, about fourteen acres of which are covered with lake water, but which he expects in the near future to drain. He has a grove of six acres on his place. And in connection with his farming he is also to some extent engaged in stock-raising, at this writing having nine head of horses, seventeen of sheep, and seven of hogs.

ANDREW LINDER.—The farming interests of Martin county are well represented by the gentleman who forms the subject of this review. He carries on agricultural pursuits in Lake Fremont township, his farm being located on section 24, where he has a desirable and valuable property, conveniently situated. He has 160 acres, on which is a beautiful grove, covering three acres, and the greater part of the land is under a high state of cultivation. The fields are well tilled, the improvements kept in good repair and the comfortable residence and substantial outbuildings are as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. In addition to general farming Mr. Linder also carries on stock-raising, and has at this writing twelve horses, twenty-five head of cattle and thirty head of hogs. The owner is an enterprising and industrious man, and his well-directed efforts have brought to him success.

The life record of Mr. Linder is as follows: He was born in Elfsborg Land, Sweden, February 28, 1829, and is a son of John Peterson and Bertha Johnson. The former was born in 1791 and died in July, 1856; and the latter, whose birth occurred in 1793, departed this life in March, 1857. The members of this family are: John, who spent his entire life in Sweden; Mary, the wife of John Bredberg, a resident of Rockford, Illinois, and their children are Chris-

tina, Clara Sophia, Charles August, who was born September 15, 1859, and is now living with our subject; Lottie and Carrie; the next in the family is Carrie, wife of Andrew Carlson, a prominent and prosperous farmer of Martin county.

With Mr. Carlson, Mr. Linder came to America and located in Andover, Illinois, where he lived for two years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Rockford, Illinois, where for three years he was employed in the machine shops, but wishing to be his own master and hoping to benefit his financial condition he came to Martin county on the 15th of May, 1870, and located his present homestead. He first built a small sod house, which was his home for eight years, when it was replaced by a more commodious and modern residence,—his present comfortable home. He has since given his time and attention to agricultural pursuits and his standing in the farming community is well known.

On the 5th of April, 1861, Mr. Linder led to the marriage altar Miss Johannah Benson, who was born February 8, 1843. The children who grace their union are Selma Charlotta, who was born in Sweden, June 10, 1862; John Alfred, who was born January 7, 1865, and died at the age of seven weeks; Johannah Matilda, who was born in Andover, Illinois, November 28, 1866, and died in August, 1868; John Albert, who was born in Rockford, Illinois, December 25, 1868, and is at home; Frank Oscar, who was born on the homestead in Martin county, May 15, 1871, and is now in school in St. Peter, Minnesota, preparing for the Lutheran ministry; Ida Olivia, who was born November 9, 1873; Amanda Elizabeth, who was born April 6, 1876; Hannah Matilda, born May 11, 1878; Albin William Emanuel, born May 26, 1879; and Edwin Victor Emanuel, born September 29, 1881.

Mr. Linder exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, but takes no active interest in political affairs in the way of office-seeking. He is a faithful and consistent member of the Lutheran Church and has long served in church offices. It has been said of Mr. Linder that he is a great and good man,—great not in the sense of publicity, never rising to the heights of prominence where the eyes of the world are turned upon him, but great in the nobler qualities of manhood, in the sympathy that recognizes the brotherhood of mankind, and has sympathy for its failings, while his strict adherence to principle and his adherence to the cause of right excites the admiration of all.

AUGUST JOHN WENBERG is the efficient Postmaster of Dunnell, and one of the leading farmers of Martin county, residing on section 26, Lake Fremont township. Sweden has furnished to this locality a number of its best citizens,—men devoted to the interests of their adopted country,—and chief among these is the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

He was born in Elfsborgs Land, Sweden, on the 22d of October, 1867, and is a son of Andrew and Kajsa Wenberg, the former born in 1830 and the latter in 1828. They are both still living, their home being in Martin county, where all who know them hold them in high esteem. They had five children who died in infancy, and those who reached some age were: Alfred, who was born June 25, 1850, and died November 8, 1892; Herman, who died in the winter of

1874, at the age of nine years; and August John, of this sketch. The first of the family to come to America was Alfred, who crossed the Atlantic in 1868 and located in Rockford, Illinois. Later he came to Martin county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming until 1890, when he removed to Sherburne and opened a real-estate office, being interested in that business until his death. In the spring of 1870 the father brought his family to the United States, joined his son Alfred in Chicago and at once proceeded on their way to Martin county, where Mr. Wenberg purchased the homestead right of Olaf Oberg, the location being on section 26, Lake Fremont township, where he and his wife still make their home.

In taking up the personal history of August John Wenberg, we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in this locality. He is a worthy representative of one of the early families of Martin county, his residence here covering a period of half a century. He remained with his parents until his marriage, attending the public schools through the winter months, while in the summer season he aided in the labors of opening up the home farm. He was married May 10, 1889, the lady of his choice being Miss Emma Caroline Peterson, daughter of Charles Gustav and Caroline (Johnson) Peterson. Her father was born July 18, 1838, and died on the 9th of October, 1894. Her mother, who was born February 4, 1830, was twice married. She first wedded Swan Anderson, and the children born of that union are Charles, Sophy and Edward, the last now deceased. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were: Oscar, born December 19, 1864, and died October 23, 1886; Emma Caroline, who was born November 1, 1866, and is the honored wife of our subject; and Ida, who died at the age of nine years. Three children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Wenberg: Walter Earl, born June 26, 1890; Arthur Melvin, born June 24, 1892; and Clarence Oscar, born December 9, 1893.

Mr. Wenberg made his first purchase of land September 29, 1886, when he bought of A. H. Anderson eighty acres on section 26, Lake Fremont township. Upon the farm was a small house, and Mr. Wenberg rented the property to A. A. Liein. On the 12th of May, 1889, he and his bride began their domestic life upon the farm and he has since devoted his time and energies to its further cultivation and improvement. In the summer he remodeled the dwelling, making it a comfortable home, and in 1890 he built his barn. His farm has been increased in extent by other purchases. In 1888 he purchased of Edward Lawrence forty acres of land on section 25, Lake Fremont township, and on the 12th of April, 1893, he bought of J. O. Gates eighty acres on section 26. On the 6th of July, 1891, he had bought 160 acres of T. W. Hodson, but half of this he afterward sold to A. O. Barrett. Of his farm he now has 140 acres under cultivation, while fifteen acres of slough land is used as pasture and a beautiful grove covers seven acres. His stock numbers sixty head of hogs, twenty head of cattle and seven horses. He has a well improved farm, neat and thrifty in appearance, and through his own efforts he has acquired the property which now numbers him among the well-to-do farmers of his adopted county. He is still a young man, yet has won a success that many his senior might well envy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wenberg are mem-

bers of the Lutheran Church, contribute liberally to its support and are actively interested in its welfare. His fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office. In 1890 he served as census enumerator for the townships of Lake Belt and Fremont, and in 1887 he was appointed Postmaster of the Dunnell post-office, which has since been in his charge. He is at present serving as clerk of his township and is also Notary Public. He has lived a quiet, unassuming life, but his years have been well spent, and a large circle of friends and acquaintances testify to their high regard for August John Wenberg.

PERRY GUST JOHNSON, a wealthy and influential farmer of Martin county, whose home is located on section 10, Lake Fremont township, is one of the worthy citizens to whom the steady growth, progress and development of a county is due. He is true to the duties which come to him, whether of a public or private nature, and thus belongs to that class of men who promote the general welfare and are really the most important factors in a county's prosperity. Their influence is quietly exerted but strongly felt, like the steady undercurrent of a stream.

Mr. Johnson was born in western Sweden, February 26, 1844, and is a son of John and Carrie (Swenson) Johnson. The father was born in the fall of 1819 and died in August, 1879, while the mother, whose birth occurred September 19, 1819, was called to the home beyond July 15, 1894. They both passed their last days with our subject, who was their only child that grew to mature years. In the year 1866 the parents and son left the land of their nativity with the hope of bettering their financial condition in America, having heard much of the advantages and privileges here afforded. The journey across the country was resumed almost immediately after reaching land, and continued until they had reached Rockford, Illinois, on the 1st of May, 1866.

In the following July Mr. Johnson came to Martin county and located his homestead, but returned and spent the winter in Illinois. Since the spring of 1867 he has continuously resided on his farm in Lake Fremont township, though considerable change has been made both in the size and appearance of the place. He was joined by his parents in 1869, and to the worthy couple who had cared for him in his young years he rendered in return the loving care and attention of a dutiful son. He first secured the northeast quarter of section 10, Lake Fremont township, in 1888, bought the west half of the northwest quarter of section 11, and in 1889 the east half of the southeast quarter of section 3. He also bought of Nels Olson 130 acres on section 10 adjoining his original tract. Of this land he has 150 acres under a high state of cultivation, and the owner divides his time between general farming and stock-raising, in which he is equally successful. He now has fifty hogs, fifty head of cattle and twelve horses, and his stock is of good grades. Barns and outbuildings which are models of convenience afford shelter for stock and grain, and the home of the family is a fine modern residence which was erected in 1883,—one of the best dwellings in Lake Fremont township.

Mr. Johnson has been twice married. On the 8th of March, 1876, he was united

in marriage with Miss Annie Stenstrom, and their children are as follows: Robert, born July 28, 1877; Charlie, born May 13, 1878; Oscar, born July 10, 1880; Hulda, born August 14, 1882; Augustus, born June 30, 1885. The mother of this family was born in February, 1842, and was called to her final rest on the 7th of June, 1885. After living single for some years Mr. Johnson was again married March 8, 1893, to Mary Seber. One child graces this union,—Julia, born December 23, 1894. Mrs. Johnson was born April 28, 1863, and is the third child of Nels and Nelly Seber.

Mr. Johnson has been very successful in his undertakings and has worked his way upward to a position of wealth and affluence. His affairs have been managed systematically, and enterprise, perseverance and well directed efforts have crowned his labors with prosperity. He is a man of noble and generous spirit and does not selfishly hoard his wealth, but has given liberally of his means to worthy enterprises and charities. This spirit was demonstrated by a gift of four acres of valuable land for church purposes and in numerous other ways. He has served in various township offices, is now Town Treasurer, and in public office and private life he is true to the trust reposed in him and to the best interests of the community. His strict adherence to principle and to his convictions of right and wrong excites the admiration of all, and in many ways his career is well worthy of emulation.

PERRY MUNGER, one of the pioneer settlers of Martin county, Minnesota, and now residing with his son-in-law, W. T. Harnden, was born in Whiting, Addison county, Vermont, April 27, 1820, his parents being Augustus and Temperance (Babcock) Munger. The children of Augustus and Temperance Munger were as follows: Polly, who was twice married, first, to a Mr. Baker, and second, to Mr. Daniel Pond; Nancy, who married a Mr. Clark; Pyra Fields; Perry; Mercy, wife of Sylvester McAllison; Apollos Henry; Esther, wife of Erastus Hopkins, and three other sons who died when young. Augustus Munger died in 1841, at the age of about fifty years.

The subject of this sketch emigrated to Rock county, Wisconsin, in July, 1841, and remained there until the fall of 1846, when he moved to Dane county, and in October, 1851, to Marquette county. In November, 1864, he came still further west to Winona county, Minnesota, and in October of the following year he located permanently in Martin county, having the summer before selected his tract of land, the northeast quarter of section 18, township 102, range 32.

Mr. Munger married Miss Sarah Philena Potter. She was a daughter of Homer and Ruth (Woodruff) Potter; was born in Pittsford, Rutland county, Vermont, August 24, 1820, and died at Fairmont, Minnesota, May 14, 1882. Following is a brief record of their children: (1) Homer Augustus, born July 10, 1841, married Laura Rising Miller and has five children,—Charlie, Earl, Milton, Perry and Elsie; is general agent for the Northwestern Insurance Company of Milwaukee, his residence being Cedar Rapids, Iowa. (2) George Porter, born August 25, 1844; married Elizabeth Dearborn and has four children,—Elmer, Frederick, Roy and Irvine; resides at Byron, Minnesota. (3) Elsie Lurena, wife of W. T. Harnden. (4) Daniel Potter, born Feb-

ruary 25, 1849; married Marina A. White, his children being Alzina, Gertrude and Callie Mildred; is an invalid and lives in Sherburne, Minnesota. (5) Esther Caroline, born October 24, 1854; is the wife of Willard F. Richardson, Winnebago City, their children being Frank and Lulu, the latter deceased.

During the early days of Mr. Munger's residence in Martin county he depended almost exclusively upon the sale of skins for his ready cash. He kept as many as seventy traps set at one time. Muskrats were the most abundant, and sold for from eight to thirty cents, according to the fluctuation of the market. Mink, and sometimes otter and beaver, were also caught. Mr. Munger was in early life a Whig, but now votes the Republican ticket, and for years has been the choice of his party to fill some of the township offices. Indeed, he has been in office almost continuously ever since he took up his abode in Martin county. He is a man of many sterling traits of character, is deeply pious, and is a member of the Baptist Church.

WELLS THOMAS HARNDEN, a farmer residing near Sherburne, Martin county, Minnesota, was born November 12, 1843, at Cuba, Illinois, his parents being Joshua Streeter and Esther Maria (White) Harnden.

Joshua Harnden, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of New York State. He followed agricultural pursuits and also owned and operated a woolen mill. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His family comprised two sons and four daughters. One of these sons, Joshua S. Harnden, the father of Wells T., was born in Washington county, New York, and succeeded his father in the proprietorship of the woolen mills. He moved westward to Lake county, Illinois, in 1836, and died there in March, 1893, at the advanced age of nearly eighty-six years. His widow survives him. They had ten children, seven sons and three daughters.

Wells T. Harnden left home in the spring of 1866, and visited Winona county, Minnesota, where he spent the summer in farm work. The following winter he returned to Illinois. Early in the spring of 1868 he again visited Winona county, and in July of that year came further west to Martin county, where he remained for a short time only, next going to Winnebago City, where he entered the employ of a Mr. Stoddard, remaining with him during harvest. After still another trip to Winona county, he returned to Martin county and was employed by Perry Munger, his future father-in-law. November, 1869, Mr. Harnden took a homestead claim to sixty-three acres of land on the eastern side of Temperance Lake, and received title to the same on the third of November, 1876. April 6, 1891, he purchased 133 acres adjoining the farm of his brother, Harvey A. Harnden, and this 196 acres constitutes his present farm. His residence was built in the fall of 1890.

Mr. Harnden was married July 14, 1870, to Miss Elsie Lurena Munger, born November 23, 1847, daughter of Perry and Sarah (Potter) Munger. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harnden are as follows: Charles Augustus, born January 31, 1873, is now employed as clerk for B. C. Pingree, at Sherburne, Minnesota; Porter Streeter, born May 7, 1877; and Herbert Perry, born October 6, 1881.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Harnden

is a Republican. For two years he has served as Town Supervisor. He and his family are members of the Congregational Church.

CHARLES J. DECKER, a farmer residing near Welcome, Minnesota, was born in Fultonham, Schoharie county, New York, August 11, 1838, son of Reuben and Katy (Wagoner) Decker.

Daniel Decker, his grandfather, was born in New York State, and died there in 1866, at the age of eighty years. He was a man of fine physique, weighing about 200 pounds; was in politics a Whig and in religion a Presbyterian. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Van Dyke, had children as follows: Abraham, William, John, Charles, Daniel, Reuben, Mrs. Hannah Rossman, Mrs. Malinda Waldron, Mrs. Eliza Baxter and Mrs. Harriet Taft. Mr. Wagoner, the maternal grandfather of our subject, died when his daughter Katy was quite young. He and his wife, *nee* Sarah Barnie, had three children,—Phoebe, Katy and Henry.

Reuben Decker was born in Schoharie county, New York, in 1812. In May, 1855, he moved to Plainfield, Wisconsin, and bought a farm, which he occupied until the time of his death, December 3, 1884. His widow, born in 1810, is still living and now resides in Plainfield, Wisconsin. They were married about the year 1829, and their children are: Cathaline, deceased wife of Lewis Spawn, a farmer of New York, who moved west to Wisconsin in 1853, where she died leaving three children,—Wesley, DeLoss, and Lola; Cornelia Ann was married in New York to W. J. Morey and is now living in Wisconsin, their children being Melvin, Charles, Edith and Williard; Charles J., whose name heads this article; Harriet Elizabeth, wife of David Sparks, resides at Reedsburg, Wisconsin; William Henry, a farmer of Plainfield, Wisconsin, married Violetta Kelley and has two daughters.

Charles J. Decker remained with his parents until the outbreak of the Civil war. August 21, 1862, he enlisted at Plainfield in Company G, Thirtieth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and at Louisville, Kentucky, September 20, 1865, was honorably discharged. He saw practically the same service as did his comrade in arms and life-long companion, A. M. Welcome. These gentlemen enlisted on the same day, in the same company, served together all through the war, and were discharged on the same day. They returned home to Wisconsin at the close of the war; came to Minnesota together, and homesteaded adjoining claims. Mr. Decker took as his homestead claim the southeast quarter of section two, township 102, range 32. He also took an additional eighty acres, under the tree-culture act, and now has in one body 240 acres of choice land. His present fine residence was finished in the summer of 1893.

Mr. Decker was married in December, 1878, to Miss Lavina Hepburn, daughter of Orville and Sylvia (Edison) Hepburn. She is the second of a family of eight daughters and two sons, and was born at Royalton, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, August 9, 1857. Her mother died November 6, 1883, and her father is at this writing a resident of Wisconsin. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Decker are Alfred Reuben, born June 24, 1880; Arthur Merton, June 3, 1882; and Archie Fern, April 15, 1884.

In politics, Mr. Decker is a stanch Republican, and, while not an office-seeker, has filled with great efficiency a number of local offices. Personally, he is a man above the average in size, and, although robust in appearance, he has not the best of health, his constitution having been injured during his service in the late war. At this writing his farm is rented, the tenant having full charge of all work, while he himself is practically retired.

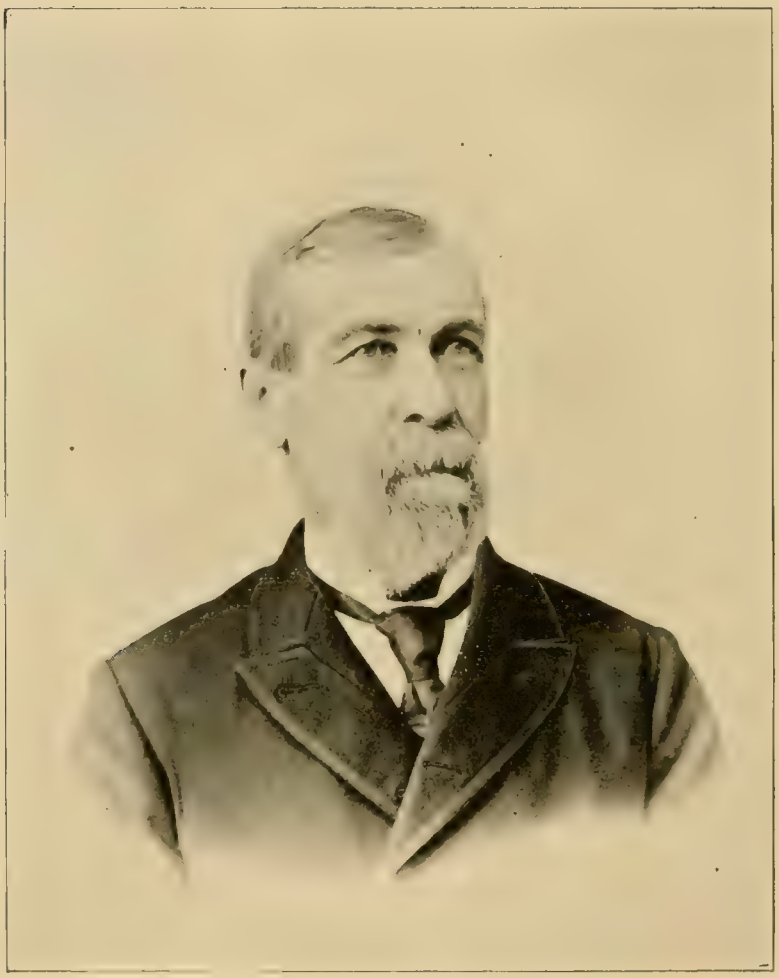
JOHN SAMUEL SCHULTZ, a retired farmer of Sherburne, Minnesota, was born at Fortress Gibraltar, Europe, June 1, 1815, his parents being Rudolph Ernest and Harriet (Maggs) Schultz.

The Rev. Ernest Rudolph Schultz, grandfather of this gentleman, and his wife, whose maiden name was Julianne Charlotte Christine Antonette Otto, were both born in Hanover, Germany, and spent their lives there, he being a pastor of the Lutheran Church. Rudolph Ernest Schultz was the eldest of their children, the others being as follows: Frederick, a tutor in the public schools of Germany; George, Lieutenant in the Fifth Battalion, Light Infantry, German army; Charles, a timber merchant in Germany; and Christina, wife of B. Wilhelmine Schultz, of Boitzenburg, Germany.

Rudolph Ernest Schultz was born at Ronnenburg, Hanover, Germany, December 30, 1781, and died at Gibraltar in December, 1829. When twenty-six years of age Mr. Schultz changed his residence from Germany to Gibraltar, and the record says that he "arrived in Gibraltar Bay, June 18, 1807, at 4 o'clock, P. M." He opened a small store in the town, and several years afterward was appointed Commissary of the English army at Gibraltar. This position he held till his death. He was married there January 25, 1812. Mrs. Schultz died July 17, 1829, aged thirty-eight years. Their children were: Dolse, who was born August 25, 1812, and died in infancy; Sarah, born July 20, 1813, who also died in infancy; John Samuel, whose name appears at the head of this article; Henry William, who was born July 29, 1817, and is married and has a family, and is engaged in farming in Iowa; and George William, who was born April 23, 1825, was in the employ of the Government during the late war, and died in New York.

John Samuel Schultz is one of the pioneer settlers of Martin county, Minnesota. He left Gibraltar in July, 1832, landed at Quebec, and from there went to Portland, Maine, where he entered upon an apprenticeship to the trade of cabinet-maker. He served a year and a half under the instructions of Elias Moss and finished his trade in the establishment of J. Burnett. Then he engaged in business for himself, which he continued during the rest of his residence in Maine. June 11, 1855, he left the Pine Tree State and came West as far as Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he bought a farm. He resided on this farm until his removal to Union City, Iowa, in March, 1866. May 22, 1871, he came to his present claim in Martin county. Here he homesteaded the southeast quarter of section 22, township 102, range 32, and shortly afterward sold half of his claim to his son George.

Mr. Schultz has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Eliza Anna Pratt, daughter of Jesse and Anna Pratt. They were married at New Vineyard, Maine. Mrs. Schultz was born at Rochester, Massa-



David Secor.

chusetts, January 19, 1813, and died March 13, 1845. The only child of this union is William Henry, born November 21, 1843, and now engaged in farming in this county, his land comprising 120 acres. October 24, 1847, Mr. Schultz married for his second wife Miss Mary Killkaney Everett, daughter of William A. and Sarah (Hutchins) Everett. Mrs. Schultz was born February 1, 1822, in Maine, and is still living. Their children are: Sarah Almina, deceased wife of John R. Hart; George Alexander, who died in infancy; Ernest Rudolph, who died in infancy; George Samuel, married and has a family; Charles Rudolph, married and has a family, and is engaged in farming in Wisconsin; Harriet Adzilla, wife of Charles W. Grigsby, a farmer of this county, and has seven children; John Ernest and his wife are both deceased, their only child being Hugh; Etta Mary, wife of E. J. Calkins; Esther Eliza, wife of Charles Palmer, has three children; and Ada Isora, wife of Daniel Peddie.

Mr. Schultz affiliates with the Republican party. His first vote was cast for William Henry Harrison. For a number of years he has filled the office of Treasurer of Manyaska township, proving an efficient, painstaking official.

HON. DAVID SECOR, president of the Faribault County Bank, Winnebago City, Minnesota, is a native of Putnam county, New York, having been born on the 6th of January, 1836, and being descended from French Huguenot ancestry.

The Secor family was founded in America in early Colonial times, by Ambrose Secor, who emigrated from France about 1665 and settled at New Rochelle, New York. Many of his descendants attained to positions of prominence, and some of them were among the founders of historical old Trinity Church, New York city. Isaac Secor, the great-grandfather of the subject of this review, served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution. He married Mary Gedney, and their son, Gedney Secor, the grandfather of David, married Catherine Strang, who was a descendant of Henry L'Estrange, one of the French Huguenots who left France about 1665 and went to England. There he remained for a few years, as a member of King Charles' staff, and then came to America. The patronymic, originally L'Estrange, is now written Strang, and by some members of the family Strong. Many members of the family have occupied prominent positions in the State of New York. Major Henry Strong, a Revolutionary hero, was related to Catherine Strang, the grandmother of Mr. Secor.

Alson Secor, a son of Gedney and Catherine (Strang) Secor, was born in Putnam county, New York, and died at the age of eighty-two years. He married Sarah C. Knapp, a native of the same county, and a member of an old New England family of English origin. Her oldest brother, David, for whom the subject of this sketch was named, served in the war of 1812. Alson Secor followed the occupation of farming all his life. He was a prominent and influential citizen of his native county, was one of its Associate Justices, and held various other offices. In politics he was a Democrat, and always took a lively interest in party affairs. He and his wife had eleven children, of whom we offer brief record, as follows: Abbie Jane is the wife of D. W. Lounsbury, of Des Moines, Iowa; John, who

was a resident of Brooklyn, New York, died in 1889; Catherine is the wife of O. W. Fowler, of West Chester, New York; David; Carrie, now Mrs. Sherman, of Peekskill, New York; Egbert, deceased; Eugene, a banker and real-estate dealer of Forest City, Iowa; Mary E., widow of L. G. Banister, Des Moines, Iowa; Phoebe A., of Peekskill, New York; Leonard H., a farmer near Forest City, Iowa; and Julia, wife of D. Champlin, a hardware merchant of Indianola, Iowa. The mother of this family showed forth in her life many beautiful Christian characteristics. She was first a member of the Presbyterian Church, but later in life a Methodist. She died, at Peekskill, New York, in 1881, at the age of seventy-six years.

David Secor remained on the farm with his parents until he had attained the age of twenty years, having been enabled to attend the district school during the winter months. In May, 1856, he started out in life for himself. Coming West to Iowa he spent a short time near Iowa City, and then went to the southern part of Linn county, where he worked for Leonard Hill, at the mason's trade during the summers, and attended Western College during the winter terms, his time being thus occupied until the spring of 1859, when he went to Mason City. On his arrival there his cash capital was represented in a one-dollar bill on a "wild-cat" bank. In the spring of 1860 he located at Forest City and engaged in contracting and building. The Park Hotel of that place was erected by him. About the year 1868 he built the courthouse in Hancock county, Iowa. In 1861 he was elected County Treasurer and Recorder, and held the two offices until they were separated by act of Legislature. He was thereupon re-elected to the office of Treasurer, and was its incumbent for six years. In the meantime he bought 140 acres of land near Forest City, and also dealt in real estate.

Upon the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion Mr. Secor was a stanch supporter of the Union cause. In 1864 he enlisted in Company C, Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry. His physical strength, however, was not equal to his courage and ambition, and, while on the famous "march to the sea" he was taken sick at Macon, Georgia, and was confined to the hospital for some time, his life being there dispaired of. The war over, he was honorably discharged, and he then returned to Iowa, where he resumed the occupation which he had abandoned to take up arms in defence of the Union.

In 1871 Mr. Secor was elected to the Fourteenth General Assembly to represent the counties of Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Worth, and Winnebago; and in 1873 was elected to represent Kossuth, Hancock, Worth and Winnebago, on both occasions being elected without opposition. In 1874 he was elected Register of the State Land Office at Des Moines, and assumed the duties of that position January 1, 1875, being re-elected and serving a second term.

Previous to and during the time he was in the Land Office he studied law, and in 1879 was admitted to practice in the State and Federal courts. On leaving the Land Office he returned to Forest City, resumed his real-estate business and engaged in the practice of law. In 1882 he embarked in the banking business there under the firm name of Secor, Law & Plummer. These gentlemen subsequently organized the First National Bank, whose stockholders are now Messrs. Plummer, Secor and Hanson. Mr. Secor is also interested in the Buffalo

Center State Bank, at Buffalo Center, Iowa, of which his son, Ellsworth E., is cashier.

In 1886 he came to Minnesota, and in January of the following year organized and established the Faribault County Bank at Winnebago City, erecting within the same year the building which the bank now occupies. Associated with him in this financial enterprise are his brother Eugene; his nephew, Willard Secor, who is cashier; and his son, Stanley S., assistant cashier, and F. N. Ware—all these gentlemen being also interested in the Bank of Amboy.

Mr. Secor is still carrying on a real-estate business at Forest City, Iowa, his operations there being under the management of his brother Eugene. While a resident of that place he was for nine years its Postmaster, and for a time served as mayor of the municipality. Since he became identified with Winnebago City he has been active in promoting the best interests of the place, and a number of local enterprises have felt the influence of his touch. He has served the village as Mayor, is vice-president of Parker College and a member of its prudential committee and its board of directors. Wherever duty calls he is prompt to act, and his services in both public and private capacities have ever been characterized by the strictest fidelity. Socially he is a member of James Clabaugh Post, No. 54, G. A. R., and is its present Commander (1895). He is a member of the Congregational Church of Forest City, Iowa.

Mr. Secor has been thrice married and as many times bereaved by the loss of a loving companion. In 1862 he married Miss Samantha E. Van Curen, and they had three children: Ellsworth E., cashier of the Buffalo Center State Bank of Buffalo Center, Iowa; Stanley S., assistant cashier of the Faribault County Bank; and Mrs. Myrtle Reagan, of Nashville, Tennessee. His second wife, *nee* Jennie Gregg, of Des Moines, Iowa, died without issue. In 1878 he married Miss S. Jennie Lyons, a native of Ohio and a daughter of D. W. Lyons, of Winterset, Iowa. She died in November, 1886, leaving two daughters,—Joy and Ruth.

ALBERT BARDEN, one of the prosperous farmers of Martin county, Minnesota, residing near Sherburne, dates his birth in Tioga county, New York, July 22, 1844, his parents being Levi and Catharine (Davenport) Barden.

The Bardens are of English origin. The paternal grandfather of our subject died in New York. He had a large family of children, among whom were Levi, Zalmon, William and Freelove. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Barden—Grandfather Davenport—was of Dutch descent. He lived to be eighty-nine years of age. His children were David, Mary, Peggy and Cathrine.

Levi Barden was born in New York. In that State he was for some years engaged in lumbering, and in 1850 he removed from there to Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he bought a farm, and later entered a 40-acre tract. He died in Dodge county, April 1, 1864, aged fifty-four years. His widow is living with her son-in-law, Charlie Townsend, at Excelsior, Washington, and, although she has recently passed her eighty-first year, she is still active. The children of Levi Barden and his wife are as follows: Jerusha, born in 1834, is the wife of Sidney Griffin, a farmer of this county, and their children are Sarah and Lois; Lucy Ann, born in 1836, became the wife of Merritt

Barden, and died, leaving three children, Myron, Edgar and Jane; Ruth, born in 1838, is the wife of Stephen Coleby, a farmer of Dodge county, Wisconsin; William, born in 1840, died at Danville, Virginia, in 1862, while a prisoner of war; Joseph, born in 1842, married Catharine Collins, and was living in Pine county, Minnesota, at the time of the great forest fire there in 1894, he and his wife and seven children barely escaping with their lives and their property all being destroyed; Albert, the subject of this article; Theodore, born in 1846, married Clarissa Boobier and has three children, Effie, Jay and Frank, his home being on a farm in Carl county, Iowa; George Leslie, born in 1848, is married and has three children, and is living on Lake Chelan, Washington, where he is engaged in farming; Marietta, born in 1850, married Horace Clemens and has four sons and six daughters, their home being at Auburn, Washington; Nancy, born in 1852, is the wife of George Staples, they, too, having lost all their property in the forest fires of 1894, in Minnesota; and Minerva, born in 1854, is the wife of Charlie Townsend, a machinist of Excelsior, Washington, their children being Ray and Earl.

Albert Barden, with whose name we began this sketch, enlisted at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 18, 1863, in Company G, First Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and at once went to the front. He was with Sherman on the famous "march to the sea," saw almost continuous active service from the time of his enlistment, and was discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, July, 1865. Mr. Barden returned to his old home in Wisconsin when the war was over, and engaged in the lumber business there until he came to Martin county, Minnesota, in 1878. Previous to his location here his brother, Joseph, had settled in this county, on the northeast quarter of section 26, township 102, range 32. Mr. Albert Barden visited him in 1874, and at that time purchased the northwest quarter of section 26, township 102, range 32. This tract remained unimproved until 1878, when he built his present residence and planted two acres in trees, and here he has since made his home and has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits..

Mr. Barden was married October 1, 1881, to Mrs. Melvina (Pickett) Orr. She was born in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, May 20, 1855, her parents having removed to that place from Clinton county, New York. Her father, Ephraim Pickett, was born October 8, 1832, and died August 5, 1889; her mother, Finandis (Smith) Pickett, was born July 22, 1838, and is still living. Mrs. Barden's first husband was W. M. Orr, and by him she had the following children: Mary, born February 1, 1873; Thomas J., November 9, 1875; William, November 6, 1879; and Gladis, August 9, 1880. Her children by Mr. Barden are: Chancey Lee, born March 26, 1883; Chester Albert, March 24, 1884; and Bertha Edna, November 13, 1891.

Mr. Barden is one of the substantial farmers of his county, and has the respect and esteem of all who know him.

MARTIN FREDERICK MAVES devotes his time and energies to agricultural pursuits in Manyaska township, Martin county, where he owns and cultivates 120 acres of the rich land of Minnesota. The well tilled fields are enclosed within fences always kept in

repair, and the improvements on the place are neat and indicate the careful supervision of the owner. In addition to general farming he is also successfully engaged in stock-raising and now has sixteen head of cattle, twenty-four head of hogs and five horses. A beautiful grove of two acres adds to the value and attractive appearance of the place and Mr. Maves is numbered among the leading farmers of the community.

He was born in Alt Custrenchen, province of Brandenburg, Germany, on the 13th of August, 1838, and is a son of Frederick and Anna (Haase) Maves. The father was born in April, 1805, and spent his entire life in Germany, where he died in August, 1849. He was one of a family which numbered the following members: William, Elizabeth, Bertha, Minnie, Annie and May. The parents of our subject had a family which included the following: William, born August 5, 1832, was twice married and died in June, 1872. Anna Louisa, born July 21, 1823, became the wife of Henry Moot, a resident of Dodge county, Wisconsin, and her children are Hermann, Martha and Henry; Martin F. is the next younger; Frederick, born March 9, 1842, married Elizabeth Becker and died in April, 1876, leaving a family of three children; Augusta, born December 17, 1847, is the wife of Frederick Richards.

In the land of his birth Martin F. Maves spent the days of his boyhood and youth, no event of special importance occurring during that period. It was in 1868 that he determined to seek a home in the New World, and on the 1st of May he sailed from the shores of the Fatherland. Embarking at Hamburg, after a long and tedious voyage he reached New York, on the 21st of June, and at once continued his journey across the country to Hustisford, Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he had a brother and sister (Mrs. Mott) living, they having come to the United States in 1866.

Mr. Maves now entered upon his business career in this country. While in Wisconsin he had learned the mason's trade, which he followed during his residence in the Badger State, and as he was a good workman and always faithfully lived up to his contracts, his services were constantly in demand, and he was thus not only able to secure a living, but was also enabled to lay up a considerable sum. With the capital thus acquired he bought his present farm in October, 1884, securing it of the real-estate dealer, Mr. Higgins, of Fairmont. To this place he removed the following spring and has since been engaged in general farming on his 120-acre tract of land, all of which is broken save ten acres.

On the 2d of February, 1859, while still in Germany, Mr. Maves was united in marriage with Miss Theresa Platow, a daughter of Ludwig and Wilhelmina (Brown) Platow. The lady is their eldest child, and was born February 5, 1839. The other members of the family are Antonia, born December 10, 1841; Ulricha, born June 27, 1843; Bertha, born May 7, 1845; Ernest, born September 29, 1847; Albert, born December 29, 1849, and Johannas, born March 2, 1851. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Maves are: Frank Hermann, born December 26, 1859, married Anna Brenning, by whom he has one child, Eddie, and resides at Eagle River, Wisconsin, where he is engaged in the lumber business. Minnie, born April 18, 1863, died at the age of four years; Emma, born August 11, 1865, died at the age of three years; Ernest Martin, born May 9, 1866, married Annie Tornow and is living in

Mapleton, Blue Earth county, Minnesota; Anna Elizabeth Augusta, born November 4, 1868, is the wife of Edward King, of Austin, Minnesota, and they have one child. William Albert, born May 30, 1870, was confirmed in April, 1883, at Hustisford, Wisconsin, by the Rev. Philip Kohler, and has traveled considerably in the Black Hills of Wyoming and other parts of the West, but is now managing the home place in connection with his father.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Maves are members of the Lutheran Church, the former confirmed in 1852, and the latter in 1853. They are among the most worthy German citizens of Martin county, and throughout the community are held in high esteem by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The life of our subject has been a busy one, in which idleness and indolence have had no part, and his perseverance and earnest labors have brought him a comfortable competence.

MICHAEL KASSULKE, a prosperour farmer of Martin county, Minnesota (postoffice address, Triumph), is a native of the city of Werben, Prussia, born September 13, 1842, his parents being Christian and Anna Ragena (Bradelow) Kassulke.

Mr. Kassulke is descended from one of the oldest Prussian families. The farm owned by his father was adjacent to the city of Werben, and contained 175 acres of land, all in the highest state of cultivation. This tract of land had remained in the hands of the Kassulke family for 450 years prior to the death of Mrs. Christian Kassulke, mother of our subject. It was the rule in the family to will this tract of land to the son, Michael, or Christian. Our subject and his grandfather were named Michael, and his father and great-grandfather, Christian; and thus the genealogy extended back for 450 years, keeping these names in the family. According to this custom, our subject should have inherited the old homestead, but his father failed to make this provision in the will, and left everything to his wife. The mother died without leaving a will, so the children agreed to divide the proceeds received from the sale of the farm. Thus passed from the hands of the Kassulke family the old homestead that had been the birthplace of more than ten generations of the family.

Christian Kassulke, the father of our subject, was born in 1802, and died November 18, 1856. His wife was born in 1803 and died October 8, 1863. Their children were as follows: Anna Ragena, wife of Christopher Marquart; Frederick; Anna Maria, wife of Gottlieb Kumbier; Christian; Gottfried; Anna Christina, wife of Christian Neese; Michael and George. All are deceased except Michael. George died of fever while serving in the Franco-Prussian war. Gottfried married Christina Balstaedt, and in 1873 came to America, joining his brother, Michael, in Minnesota. He died in Brown county, this State, December 1, 1892, leaving a widow and one child, Gotthilf.

Michael Kassulke remained on the home farm until called by his country to serve in the Prussian army in the war against Austria. He was enrolled in the Third Guard Lancers, September 30, 1863, and the principle battles in which he participated were Zervenehon, Trautenau and Koniggratz. He was honorably discharged from the service July 31, 1867, and on his return from the army he took charge of his sister Maria's

farm, her husband having died, and operated it until May, 1868.

Then he determined to try his fortune in the New World, and accordingly left for America, May 23, 1868, and reached New York city on the 6th of June, following. He came on through to Owatonna, Minnesota, where he accepted a position as clerk in the mercantile house of Seabolt & Horseman, and remained with that firm until May, 1869. The Duluth excitement was at its height about this time and, Mr. Kassulke, desiring to see what a first-class Western boom town was like, resigned his position and went to Duluth. He remained there only a short time, however, as there were but few Germans in the place. Next he went to Brown county, Minnesota, and purchased an improved farm of 160 acres, June 29, 1869, and moved to it in the fall. He remained there until December 10, 1870, when he disposed of this tract and purchased a quarter section in Mountain Lake township, Cottonwood county, removing to it December 11, 1870. On this farm he continued to reside until August, 1875, when he bought land in Faribault county. His purchase in Faribault county was a quarter section in Prescott township, and he moved to it September 22, 1875. He still owns this tract, and at present has a tenant on it. Next he purchased land in sections 1 and 2, Elm Creek township, Martin county, 280 acres in all, unimproved. His present fine residence was built in 1892, and he has occupied it since March 22d, of that year. There are now about 220 acres broken, and the place is stocked with forty-five hogs, twenty-two cattle, and eleven head of horses.

Mr. Kassulke was married September 2, 1869, to Katrina Fitting, daughter of John and Magdalena (Miller) Fitting. Mrs. Kassulke was born December 1, 1843, in New York city, and is the second in a family of ten. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kassulke are as follows: Anna Ragena, who was born May 21, 1870, died April 28, 1872; George Albert, born March 2, 1872; Franz Michael, June 11, 1874; Frederick Christian, August 30, 1882; and Hermann Gottfried, June 15, 1885.

Mr. Kassulke takes a commendable interest in local affairs, and has served as a member of the Township Board since the spring of 1894.

ORGAN MERRITT JENKINS, Postmaster, and member of the hardware firm of E. J. Calkins & Company, Sherburne, Minnesota, was born on his father's farm in Steuben county, New York, April 18, 1844.

His ancestors were of Welsh origin, and came to this country at an early period in its history. John Haydock Jenkins, his father, was born in Vermont, February 11, 1800, and died in Calhoun county, Michigan, in 1849. He had moved to Michigan when the subject of our sketch was only six weeks old. After his death, his widow continued her residence in Michigan for five years, and then moved to Goodhue county, Minnesota, where she homesteaded a claim, and lived on it four years. She then located in Emmet connty, Iowa, where she died, in September, 1876. Her maiden name was Mary Ann Bates, and she was born in 1802. The children of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jenkins were as follows: Mary; Adolphus, deceased, left a widow and seven children; George, a retired farmer at Portland, Oregon, has a wife

and five children; John, deceased; Frank, a farmer of Cowlitz county, Washington, has a wife and four children; Henry, a clerk in the Treasury Department, Washington, District of Columbia, has been twice married, both wives and the children by his first wife being deceased, the three children by his last wife surviving; Webster, a resident of Portland, Oregon, has a wife and five children; and Morgan Merritt.

Morgan M. Jenkins remained with his widowed mother until he was twenty-seven years of age, managing the farm a part of this time. He then began a hardware business at Estherville, Iowa, taking as a partner his brother Henry, and operating under the firm name of Jenkins Brothers. This partnership continued for two years. He then worked at his trade, that of tinner, at Worthington, Nobles county, Minnesota, where he remained two years. In September, 1874, he moved to Fairmont, Martin county, and continued work at his trade two years longer. After that he formed a partnership with O. H. Cole, for the purpose of conducting a hardware business, under the firm name of Cole & Jenkins. In December, 1878, he sold out to his partner, and moved to Sherburne, where he opened a hardware store. In the fall of 1882 he became a member of the firm of E. J. Calkins & Company, which relationship still continues.

Mr. Jenkins was married May 22, 1871, to Miss Marcie Conner Howland. Mrs. Jenkins was born October 22, 1848, and comes of Puritan ancestry, the founders of the American branch of her family having come over to this country on board the Mayflower. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are Claudie, born September 20, 1873, died November 1, 1873; Hallett Howland, born October 22, 1875, is now in the employ of A. L. Ward & Company, Fairmont; Hope Marcie, born May 9, 1878, is assistant in the post-office; and Ralph, born December 25, 1884.

Politically, Mr. Jenkins is a Democrat. He was appointed Postmaster of Sherburne in April, 1886, under Cleveland's first administration, and served until the appointment of his successor by the Harrison administration three years later. September 23, 1893, he was again made Postmaster, and is still serving efficiently in this position. Mr. Jenkins is identified with the Masonic order, and both he and his family are members of the Congregational Church.

NICHOLAS EIDEN, a retired farmer residing at Sherburne, Minnesota, was born in Prussia, February 13, 1845, son of John and Annie (Gaten) Eiden, natives of that country.

John Eiden had married and was the father of a large family when the State called upon him to render military service. In his case the exaction was peculiarly hard, owing to the tender age of his children, and for their good he determined to emigrate to America. Accordingly he left the old country in the spring of 1854 and in due time landed at New York city, from there going direct to Dunkirk, New York, where he expected to take boat for Chicago. At Dunkirk, however, he was taken violently sick, and in a short time died. The widow gathered her fatherless children around her, and soon decided to come on west to Wisconsin, where she had friends, which she did. She bought forty acres of land in that State, and on it made her home until 1869. That year she moved to La Crosse, Wisconsin,

and in that city remained until coming to Martin county, where she is still living. Of her children we record that Nicholas is the eldest; the second born died in infancy; Adam, born in March, 1849, is a wagon-maker of Fairmont, Minnesota, and he and his wife, *nee* Minnie Hagerman, have four sons and one daughter; Peter, born in 1851, is a miller in Northfield, Minnesota, and has been twice married, having three children by his first wife; and Katy, born in 1853, is the wife of Joe Reise, a cigar manufacturer of La Crosse, and they are the parents of a son and two daughters.

Nicholas Eiden has been a resident of Martin county, Minnesota, since the spring of 1871. At that time he took a homestead claim of eighty acres,—the north half of the southwest quarter of section 10, township 102 (Jay), range 33. Later he bought the north half of the northeast quarter of section 16. Until October, 1892, he made his home on this farm, giving his attention to its cultivation and improvement, and then, on account of impaired health, he moved to Sherburne, where he has since resided.

Mr. Eiden was married October 27, 1869, to Miss Mary Bahm. She was born December 18, 1847, daughter of Peter and Helena Bahm, and one of a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Kate, wife of Dommic Deppresse; Peter, Frank, Helena, Henry, Katrina, wife of Adolph Kroth. Mr. and Mrs. Eiden have seven children, viz.: Katie, born March 13, 1871; Anna, March 14, 1873; Peter, May 6, 1875; Henry, May 18, 1877; Frank, July 24, 1879; William Adam, March 22, 1884; and Mary Magdalena, July 1, 1892.

Mr. Eiden and his family are members of the Catholic Church.

CLEMINSON DICKINSON, a farmer of section 14, Fairmont township, Martin county, was born on the Isle of Man, October 19, 1851, a son of William Dickinson, a native of England. He was a wealthy wine merchant there. "Clem" received his education in King William College, and remained in his native place until twenty-one years of age, when he came to the United States. After spending a short time in New York city, he located in Northfield, Minnesota, where he worked by the month at farm labor. Since 1873 he has resided in Martin county. He purchased his farm of eighty acres from the Government, to which he has since added until he now owns 320 acres, all under a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Dickinson is engaged in general farming and stock-raising.

November 19, 1873, he was united in marriage with Frances Clague, who was born and reared on the Isle of Man. She came to America alone at the age of twenty years. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson have two children,—Agnes Jane and William Frederick. In political matters, Mr. Dickinson is a supporter of the Republican party.

ALBERT DOLLEN, a farmer of section 3, Silver Lake township, was born in Cook county, Illinois, October 28, 1857, a son of John Dollen, a native of England. He came to America when a young man, locating near Des Plaines, Cook county, Illinois, where he remained until his death, at the age of sixty-four years. He was married in New York, to Emma Strong, a native of England, but also came to America when young. She

now resides on the old homestead in Cook county.

Albert Dollen, the third child and third son of ten children, six sons and four daughters, remained at home until about twenty years of age. In 1884 he came to Martin county, Minnesota, locating on the farm he now owns. The place now contains 240 acres, all of which is under a fine state of cultivation and he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. Mr. Dollen affiliates with the Republican party, and has served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Silver Lake township three years, as a member of the School Board five years, and School Director five years.

In 1883, at Stratford, Connecticut, Mr. Dollen united in marriage with Elizabeth Langford, born in Cambridgeshire, England, February 6, 1858, a daughter of Robert and Mary W. (Whetstone) Langford, natives also of England. They were married in their native country, but for the past twenty-eight years have resided in Stratford, Connecticut. Elizabeth, the fourth of their ten children, five of whom grew to years of maturity, came with her parents to America at the age of ten years. Mr. and Mrs. Dollen have had two children,—Robert J., deceased at the age of five years; and Laura J.

HERMAN KEITHAHN, a successful farmer of Martin county, was born in Hanover, Germany, March 20, 1842, a son of Henry and Sophia (Krahm) Keithahn, who were born and died in that country. Herman, the fourth child and second son of their seven children, was reared on a farm in his native place. In 1870 he came to America, locating on a rented farm in La Crosse county, Wisconsin. Since 1878 he has resided in Martin county, Minnesota, and on the farm he still owns, which consists of 420 acres. When he first located on the place only about twenty acres was improved, and on it was located a small dwelling, 12 x 12 feet. The farm now contains a good residence, barns and other substantial improvements.

Mr. Keithahn was married in Germany, in 1867, to Mary Garbers, a native of that country. They have twelve children, viz.: Richard H., born at Hanover, Germany, April 12, 1867, is at home; Henry H., born at that place September 8, 1869, resides in the State of Washington; Fred, born in La Crosse county, Wisconsin, September 29, 1871, is at home; Mary, also a native of Wisconsin, died there when twelve months old; Minnie, born in La Crosse county, February 22, 1874; Emma, born in that county December 5, 1876; Ida, born in Martin county, Minnesota, November 18, 1878; William, born in this county, July 4, 1880; Clara, deceased at the age of four years; Lydia, born February 10, 1884; Annie, September 29, 1886; and Lizzie, February 11, 1888. The eldest son, Richard, assists on the home farm, and also conducts a threshing-machine.

The family are members of the Lutheran Church at Fairmont. Mr. Keithahn is identified with the Democratic party.

ERASTUS J. CALKINS, a hardware dealer of Sherburne, Minnesota, was born on his father's farm, in the township of Reach, Ontario county, Province of Ontario, then called Upper Canada, his parents being Charles and Mary Ann (Houck) Calkins.

Andrew Calkins, his grandfather, was of

Scotch ancestry, was born in Massachusetts, and when a young man moved to Canada. He dealt extensively in live stock, and found his principal market in Toronto. He married a Miss Luke, and their children were Amanda, wife of Hiram Squires; Stephen; Nancy, wife of William Stone; Charles, the father of our subject. Andrew Calkins died in April, 1862.

Ebenezer Houck, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Calkins, was born in Pennsylvania, served through the Revolutionary war and at the close of the Revolution moved to Canada (having previously married in Pennsylvania), and died there. His children were Straight, Mary Ann, Phillip, and a daughter that died when very young.

Charles Calkins, the father of our subject, was born in Lower Canada, May 1, 1813, and died at Austin, Minnesota, February 9, 1869. In the spring of 1851 he moved to Dodge county, Wisconsin, his postoffice being Fox Lake. There he bought land and engaged in farming. In the spring of 1861 he moved to Brownsdale, Mower county, Minnesota, and bought land, which he held to the time of his death. He was married March 19, 1835, to Miss Mary Ann Houck, who was born in Lower Canada, June 6, 1812, and died in Dakota August 26, 1892. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calkins are as follows: Maria, wife of Jenkins Tyler, of St. James, Minnesota; Mahlon, a resident of Denver, Colorado; Lewis W., of Brownton, Minnesota; Erastus J., whose name appears at the head of this article; Caroline, who died in infancy; Laura Jane, of Sherburne, Minnesota; Hattie Eliza, wife of Oscar P. Empey, proprietor of the Empey House, Sherburne, Minnesota.

Erastus J. Calkins, supplemented his common-school education by a year's study at Fox Lake Academy, Wisconsin. Before he was quite twenty-one he joined a party bound for Helena, Montana, accompanied by his brother Mahlon. The party left Austin, Minnesota, May 9, 1866, and consisted of twelve men, with six wagons. At Redwood Falls, Minnesota, it was increased to fourteen wagons, and by the time the party reached Big Stone, Minnesota, it numbered eighty-seven wagons, 250 men, fourteen women, and some children. The company was led by Colonel Holmes of Scott county, Minnesota. The route was across Minnesota and Dakota till the present site of Bismarck was reached. They then followed up the Missouri river, by way of Fort Benton, over the present site of Great Falls, and finally reached Helena, August 27, 1866. That fall and winter Mr. Calkins spent in prospecting, without making any paying locations. In the spring of 1867 he went to Diamond City, located thirty miles east of Helena, and engaged work in the hydraulic diggings there. He received $6.00 a day, of eight hours, and worked eight-hour turns in the twenty-four hours. He continued at this work for three months, and was then afflicted with a violent attack of inflammatory rheumatism, and came very near losing his life. At this time he wrote to his brother Mahlon at Helena, who went to him at once. This brother stayed at Diamond City that winter, became interested in a claim, worked it four years, and took out a large amount of gold. He invested the bulk of his wealth in an adjoining claim, which proved worthless.

Our subject lay on a bed of sickness for four months, and then began the long, tedious overland journey to the East, in November, 1867. The following winter was

spent at Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, with his parents. In the spring he came to Fox Lake, Wisconsin, and rented a farm, which he worked that summer. He returned to Austin, Minnesota, in the fall of 1868, and entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company. He began work for them as a watchman, next worked as a brakeman, and a month later as a fireman. After firing a passenger engine for six months, he entered the car and repair shops, where he was employed as a mechanic during the remainder of his seven years' service of the company.

March 1, 1875, he severed his connection with the railroad, and, in partnership with his brother, rented the Hill Brothers' farm, of 640 acres, located in Mower county, Minnesota, between the towns of Austin and Brownsdale. Mr. Calkins remained on this place till March 1, 1870, and then came to Fairmont, Martin county, Minnesota. He engaged in teaming between Fairmont and Sherburne, and was one of the first men on the site of Sherburne. He gave considerable time to hauling ties for the railroad, and he also worked at the carpenter's trade, building a number of houses in Sherburne. In the spring of 1881 he began buying cattle. June 1 of that year, having purchased eighty-nine head, he started, in company with several dealers and a large number of cattle, to drive through to the Black Hills, Dakota. They reached their destination July 31. This proved a very profitable venture, and Mr. Calkins returned with the intention of repeating his cattle deal, but found that Messrs. Erickson and Yates desired to dispose of their hardware business, and he and Morgan M. Jenkins purchased it. An entry in his salesbook shows that he took charge of the business November 8, 1881, and that Pat. Cummings, section "boss," made the first purchase, that of a tape line, for seventy-five cents. At that time the stock of goods was valued at only about $500; now it is worth $3,500. In addition to his other property, Mr. Calkins owns a fine farm in Martin county, which he now has rented.

He was married January 1, 1883, to Miss Etta May Schultz, daughter of John S. and Mary K. (Everett) Schultz. Their only child, Arlo Asa, was born April 16, 1884, and died September 2, 1885.

Mr. Calkins is a Republican in politics, and was Postmaster under the Harrison administration. He is a Mason, and both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

RANDOLPH BOSTWICK LEET, a farmer of Fairmont township, Martin county, was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1852, a son of Calvin L. Leet, a native of the same county; and his father was born in Connecticut and was a soldier in the war of 1812. Our subject's mother was formerly Arabella Stone, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania. Calvin L. and Arabella Leet were married in Pennsylvania, and located on a farm in that State, the former dying there at the age of forty-five years, and the mother is still living. They were the parents of six children: Charles, of Winnebago City, Minnesota; Almira, wife of E. L. Woodruf, of Lake Crystal, this State; R. B., of this notice; Susan, wife of Lewis Tibbets, of Chillicothe, Illinois; and James and Frank, deceased.

R. B. Leet, the third child and second

son, was reared at his native place, and remained at home until twenty-one years of age, when he started out in life for himself. In 1877 he located on unimproved land in Martin county, Minnesota, where he still resides, but his place is now under a fine state of cultivation, and he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Leet was married in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, January 6, 1875, to Annice Victoria Keeler, who was born in that county September 4, 1857, and is a sister of H. M. Keeler. To this union have been born six children, namely: Ellen V., deceased at the age of ten years; Calvin L., born February 25, 1879; Mabel, born in 1880; Nathan, in 1882; James, in 1884, and Essie, in 1891. All were born on the home farm except the eldest. Mr. Leet supports the Democratic party, and has served as President of Elections and is now a member of the School Board.

CHARLES EDWIN EVERETT, manager of the Alliance Elevator and Milling Company, Sherburne, Minnesota, was born in New Vineyard, Franklin county, Maine, June 27, 1847.

The early members of the Everett family in this country were sailors, as were also the grandfather and great-grandfather of our subject. The American branch of the family sprang from three brothers who emigrated from Ireland to this country during its Colonial days. Edward Everett, a descendant of one of these brothers, is a third cousin of our subject.

Josiah Everett, grandfather of Charles E., was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, was taken by his parents to Maine at an early age, and made his home in that State thereafter. He died about the year 1850, at the age of eighty-eight years. William Everett, the father of our subject, was born in Maine, April 17, 1799, and died at Sherburne, Minnesota, October 10, 1880. He lived in Franklin county, Maine, till the spring of 1864, when he moved to Allamakee county, Iowa. There he farmed until 1870, when he came to Martin county, Minnesota, residing here until his death, as stated above. His first wife, *nee* Mary Hutchins, was born September 4, 1796, and died July 7, 1840. They were married September 20, 1821, and their children were as follows: Mary, born February 1, 1822, is the wife of John S. Schultz, a farmer of Martin county, Minnesota; Diana, born November 3, 1823, is the wife of Lee Elliott, Plattsmouth, Nebraska; William Sylvester, born September 23, 1826, married Louisa Thompson, and is engaged in farming in Monona county, Iowa; Francis, born January 9, 1829, married Sarah Spencer and is living in Knox county, Nebraska; Charlotte, born May 7, 1831, is the deceased wife of Harry Colby; Josiah, born November 18, 1834, died December 24, 1866; and David, born June 28, 1840, died the following December. Mr. Everett's second marriage occurred January 24, 1841. The lady, Mary Mitchell, was born May 10, 1813, and died March 30, 1875. This second marriage resulted in the birth of two children, namely: James Andrew, born January 16, 1843, is now general agent for the State of Iowa for the Northwest Life Insurance Company, he and his wife, *nee* Sally Moody, having three children living—Susie May, Hattie Ellen and Roy A.; and Charles Edwin, whose name heads this article.

Charles E. Everett came to Martin county,

Minnesota, from the parental home in Iowa, in June, 1869, and located on the southwest quarter of section 30, township 102, range 32. When the father followed shortly after, he took up an adjoining claim. Our subject built on his land that fall, and moved into the house the following May. He lived there and cultivated and improved his farm until the fall of 1885, when he sold out. About that time Mr. Everett discovered that the southeast quarter of section 17, township 102, range 32, was vacant land, and did not belong to the railroad grant, as every one supposed. He immediately moved upon the tract and filed a timber-culture claim, having used his homestead right on his first farm; he is still the owner of this land. He built on it, and resided there until November 11, 1894, when he moved to Sherburne. It should be noted here that our subject was proprietor of the Fairmont House for sixteen months, dating from the spring of 1886. Barring this short absence from the farm, his time was given exclusively to agricultural pursuits up to his appointment as manager of the Alliance Elevator & Milling Company, in October, 1891, a position which he fills with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers.

Mr. Everett was married January 12, 1869, to Miss Lucretia Norcross Chapman, who was born in Franklin county, Maine, October 24, 1845, fifth in the family of eight children of George and Celia (Spencer) Chapman. Mr. Chapman was born April 23, 1808, and died July 12, 1882. Mrs. Chapman was born February 9, 1817, and passed away December, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Everett have five children, namely: William Henry, born December 27, 1869, married Miss Mary Stetrecht, and is living on his father's farm; Myrtle, born June 9, 1872, married Alfred Popple, a millwright and carpenter of Fairmont, Minnesota; Charles Eugene, born May 24, 1874, is at this writing a freshman at Parker College, Winnebago City, Minnesota; Ernest, born March 8, 1877, is assisting his father at the mill and elevator; and Beatrice, born July 16, 1879, is a high-school student at Fairmont, Minnesota.

Mr. Everett is a member of the I. O. O. F.

OLIVER BENSCHOTER. — The farming interests of Martin county are well represented by this gentleman who carries on agricultural pursuits on section 28, Silver Lake township, where he owns and cultivates 160 acres of good land. His farm is under a high state of culture and upon it are many good improvements, which have been placed there by the progressive owner.

Mr. Benschoter is one of the worthy citizens that the Empire State has furnished to Minnesota. He was born in the town of Neversink, Sullivan county, October 21, 1816, and is a son of William and Betsey (Gorton) Benschoter. His paternal grandfather, Ora Benschoter, was a native of New York and one of the pioneer settlers of Huron county, Ohio. He came of a family of Low Dutch and Welsh descent. The maternal grandfather, General Gorton, was of English lineage and served his country in the war of 1812. The parents of our subject were both born in the Empire State, and in 1817 the father accompanied his parents on their removal to Huron county, Ohio, now Erie county, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring when he had reached the age of fifty-six years. His wife died at the age of fifty-five.

Oliver Benschoter was their third child, and was only about a year old when they moved to Erie county, Ohio. With them he remained until they were called to the home beyond, and on the homestead was trained to habits of industry and economy which have been of incalculable benefit to him in his later years. At the age of seventeen he began working as a farm hand, receiving $12 per month in compensation for his services, and thus he obtained his start in life, accumulating thereby the capital which afterward enabled him to purchase land and begin farming for himself.

Mr. Benschoter was married in the Buckeye State, in 1837, to Martha Kemp, a native of Vermont, who went to Erie county with her parents in 1834. She died in Algona, Iowa, in 1859, leaving a family of six children: William M., now of California; Alice, wife of Andrew L. Seely, who is living near Algona, Iowa; Polly, wife of E. N. Weaver, of the same locality; George, who was a soldier in the late war and died at Little Rock, Arkansas; Eveline, widow of Smith Carlisle and a resident of Whitmore, Iowa; Grant, who is located near Algona, Iowa. After the death of his first wife Mr. Benschoter was again married. In December, 1862, he wedded Sarah Crose, a native of Illinois, and to them were born ten children, namely: Frank, who is living in Silver Lake township, Martin county; Ned, who makes his home in the same township; Nellie, wife of G. A. Holman; Jennie, wife of James Ferguson, who resides six miles west of Burton, Iowa; Hubert and Olive, at home; Louisa, deceased; James, at home; Mary Blanch, who is in the deaf and dumb school of Faribault; and Susan, who completes the family.

Upon his first marriage our subject located in Erie county, Ohio, where he made his home until 1856, at which time he removed to Kossuth county, Iowa. Locating on a farm in Plum Creek township, he carried on the work of cultivating and improving the place until 1889, when he sold out preparatory to removing to Martin county, Minnesota. Since that time he has resided on the farm which we have previously described, and is recognized as one of the leading farmers of the community. The excellencies of his character and his sterling worth have brought him many warm friends, and he is worthy their high regard. Since the organization of the Republican party he has followed its banner and has cast his ballot for all of its Presidential candidates from the time of Fremont. While living in Iowa he served as Sheriff of Kossuth county for three terms of two years each, and held other offices of honor and trust.

WILLIAM VIESSELMAN is one of the wide-awake and progressive business men of Fairmont, engaged in dealing in real estate and hardware, and also serving as Clerk of the County Courts. Wisconsin has furnished to Martin county many of her leading citizens, including our subject, who is a native of the Badger State. He was born in Ozaukee county, May 6, 1850, and is a son of C. H. and Catharine (Meyer) Viesselman, both of whom were natives of Germany. In the Fatherland the former was reared, emigrating to this country about 1826, at which time he went at once to Wisconsin, settling on a farm in Ozaukee. There he carried on agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days. He died at

the age of sixty-three years, and his wife departed this life at the age of fifty-eight. They were highly respected people and their loss was deeply felt in the community where they made their home. Of their family of seven children, two died in infancy, but the others all reached adult age.

The subject of this sketch, who is the fifth child and second son, was reared on the old home farm, and as soon as old enough to handle the plow began work in the fields, aiding in the cultivation of the place during his minority. Good school privileges were afforded him. After attending the common school of the neighborhood he became a student in a business college of Louisville, Kentucky, and, when eighteen years of age, he entered upon his business career as salesman in a store, where he was employed for about four years. It was a wholesale and retail grocery establishment, and after serving as clerk for a time he was promoted to the position of bookkeeper, in which capacity he continued during his connection with the company. On leaving that firm he came to Martin county, Minnesota, where for a year he again gave his attention to the pursuit to which he had been reared,—farming. During the succeeding six years he was engaged in banking and in the dry-goods business, then disposed of his interests in those lines and was again a farmer for two years, near Fairmont.

In the year 1879 Mr. Viesselman was nominated by the Democracy for the office of County Treasurer of Martin county, and although the usual Republican majority was 600, he was triumphantly elected,— a fact which indicates his great personal popularity as well as the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. In 1881, so well had he discharged the duties devolving upon him, he was re-elected and ably served for a second term. He has also held various other positions, including that of Councilman and Recorder; and his public, as well as his private life, is above reproach. On his retirement from the office of County Treasurer, in 1883, he embarked in the real-estate business, which he has carried on continuously since. He is also a member of the firm of Smith Viesselman, hardware merchants, and receives from the public a liberal patronage. In 1890 he was elected Clerk of the Courts for a term of four years, and is the present incumbent, having been re-elected in 1894. Socially he is connected with Fairmont Lodge, No. 152, A. O. U. W., and the Modern Woodmen of America.

On the 8th of July, 1880, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Viesselman and Miss Lottie Diehl, a native of Wisconsin, and a daughter of John and Dorothy (Bender) Diehl, who were natives of Germany. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Viesselman, Percival W. Their home is in Fairmont, where they have many friends, and in social circles they hold an enviable position.

ANDREW JACKSON BROWN, a successful farmer of Martin county, was born in Madison county, New York, November 2, 1836, a son of Adolphus Brown, born and reared in Madison county. His father, Peleg Brown, was a native of Providence, of Scotch and English ancestry. The mother of our subject, *nee* Harriett Bly, was born in Madison county, New York, a daughter of Asa Bly, born and reared in Boston, Massachusetts, of English descent, and a farmer and hotel-keeper by occupation. The parents of our

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subject were married in Madison county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying at the age of thirty-four years, and the mother survived until eighty years of age. They had five children,—Francis and Elvira (deceased), Gaylord, Andrew J., and Morris A., of Winnebago City.

Andrew J. Brown, the fourth child in order of birth, remained at his native place until nineteen years of age, when he removed to Mendota, La Salle county, Illinois, and was employed two years as clerk in a grocery store and express office. He then returned on business to New York, remaining there until the spring of 1858; next traveled over Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan; in the spring of 1859 located in Illinois, having followed farming in Winnebago county from 1860 to 1861, and was then engaged in the same occupation in Boone county. Mr. Brown next followed farming in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, until 1862, when he located on a farm in Dodge county, that State, and in the spring of 1864 came to Martin county, Minnesota. April 23, of that year, he took a homestead, on which, July 12, following, he landed with his family. They lived in a wagon until a log house could be built. Mr. Brown improved and remained on his place until the grasshopper year, when he lost his farm, but continued to reside in the county. In addition to farming, he was also engaged in the well business seven years.

June 13, 1859, our subject was united in marriage with Julia A. Bump, a native of Madison county, New York, and a daughter of Admiral Bump. To this union were born three sons and three daughters: Francis A., of Fairmont; Wilbur G., also of that place; Hubert A., a farmer by occupation; Floy V., Myra and Lina E. In political matters, Mr. Brown is a stanch Republican, and has served as Clerk of Tenhassen and Lake Belt, was twice elected Justice of the Peace, was elected to the position of County Court Commissioner but declined to serve, and has been one of the Supervisors of Fairmont township; was a leader in the organization of the Grange and was President of that order. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and enjoy the respect and confidence of the community.

WILLIAM STAUFFER, a retired farmer, now residing at Winnebago City, Faribault county, is one of the early pioneers of Minnesota, the date of his arrival in this county being 1856.

Mr. Stauffer was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1826, and is descended from Revolutionary ancestors, both his grandfathers having served in the war for independence, and his father in the war of 1812. His parents were Henry and Susan (Binder) Stauffer, natives of Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and both descended from old German families who came to this country in Colonial days. The original founder of the Stauffer family in Pennsylvania was a member of the colony that first settled Philadelphia.

When William Stauffer was a small boy his parents removed with their family to Butler county, Pennsylvania, where the remainder of their lives were passed, and where our subject grew to manhood on his father's farm, receiving a fair education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He remained at home until twenty-five years

of age, giving his parents the benefit of his labor. In January, 1851, he married Miss Elizabeth L. Miller, a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, and daughter of Richard and Mary (Christie) Miller, natives of that State.

In the spring of the same year of his marriage, accompanied by his wife, he started out to seek a home and fortune in the new and growing West. In Fayette county, Iowa, he bought 120 acres of school land at $1.50 per acre, and immediately began its improvement. After residing there five years he sold out and came to Faribault county, Minnesota, bringing with him five yoke of oxen, a few necessary implements and supplies to keep his family a few months. June 8, 1856, he settled on 160 acres of Government land in section twenty-two, Winnebago City township, which he held under a pre-emption claim until the homestead law came into force. At that early day there were but few actual settlers in this part of the county, only five families, or rather, three families and two men who kept bachelors' hall, having spent the previous winter here. He built a log cabin, roofing it with bark and having the bare earth for floor. That summer he broke several acres of land and commenced prairie farming with a determination to succeed. They experienced many hardships and privations, but heroically met and overcame them all. For a few years their nearest market was Mankato, and for the first flour purchased after their arrival he had to go to Waucoma, Iowa, a distance of 140 miles. The journey to Waucoma was made with three yoke of oxen, eighteen days were required to go and come, and at night they camped where darkness overtook them. In 1858 the crops were almost a total failure, which, with the hard times then prevailing, made the following winter one of extreme hardship and almost destitution with the most of these early settlers; but two years later they were amply repaid by the most abundant crops ever grown in the State. As prosperity attended Mr. Stauffer, he from time to time added to his original purchase until he became the owner of over a section of fine land, the most of which he has disposed of. He now owns a choice farm of 198 acres, three-fourths of a mile from the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad depot, which is well supplied with excellent buildings. For over thirty years Mr. Stauffer followed farming and stock-raising in Winnebago City township, and by industry, perseverance and the assistance of his frugal wife, made it a success and acquired a handsome competency. In 1888 he bought a residence in Winnebago City, where he now resides, and has since lived retired, enjoying a well-earned rest.

Mr. Stauffer has not only witnessed the growth and development of the county from one vast, unbroken prairie, but also has faithfully performed his part in assisting to develop its natural resources, and every measure for the advancement of the public good has received his encouragement. He has supported the principles of the Democratic party, but has never sought or desired office of any kind; is strictly temperate in all his habits; and he and his wife hold membership in the Protestant Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer have fourteen children, twelve of whom are living at this writing, namely: Emeline, wife of Thomas Jenkins, of Delevan township, this county; Henry W., who was born February 3, 1857, and was the first white male child born in Faribault county, is now a farmer of Am-

boy; Amelia, wife of Joseph Spaulding, of Oregon; William Marion, a farmer of Nashville, Martin county; Elizabeth, wife of Oscar Jenkins, of Delevan township; Amilda, who married James Barnes, a farmer of Winnebago City township; John, a farmer of the same township; Newton; Mary, wife of John Jenkins, of this county; Edith, now Mrs. A. Aldridge of Minneapolis; Alice Zella; and Judson.

Mrs. Stauffer's father died in Pennsylvania when she was twelve years of age, and her mother and the other members of the family, with the exception of one daughter, came West with Mrs. Stauffer. Mrs. Miller died at Northfield, at the age of nearly eighty-four years.

HOSEA QUIMBY, the leading business man of Easton, has been an eye-witness of, and a prominent factor in, the growth of this progressive village. In presenting to our readers this record of his life we give the history of one of the esteemed and honored pioneers of Faribault county, who by his upright life and genial manner has won the respect and confidence of all with whom business dealings or social relations have brought him in contact. From early childhood he has lived on the frontier.

He was born in a primitive home in Wisconsin, his birth occurring in Racine county, February 6, 1844,—four years before the Badger State was admitted to the Union. Milwaukee, then little more than a hamlet, was the market place of the family, and the father, Wilson Quimby, frequently went there as a freighter. In an early day he had come to Wisconsin from Massachusetts, accompanied by his wife and two children who were born on New England soil. One of these has since been called to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns." Abbie, the second child, is now the widow of Samuel Loomer, and resides in Ripon, Wisconsin. Hosea is the next of the family; and Louisa, the fourth and youngest child, is the wife of William Chapman, who for many years has been a resident of Minneapolis.

When Hosea was a child of only three summers the loving mother was called to the home beyond and six years later his father married Miss Julia Ann Quimby, his cousin, the wedding taking place in 1853. Of their three children, one died in infancy, and the others are: Ellen, wife of Fred William, an agriculturist of Benton county, Missouri; and Julia, wife of Charles Spratley, also living in Benton county. Mrs. Julia Quimby died at her home in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, at the age of forty years, and her death was deeply regretted by many friends as well as by her immediate family. In 1858 Wilson Quimby won a mother for his little ones by his marriage to Miss Sarah Wilcox, a native of Canada. They afterward moved to Benton county, Missouri, where the father died in March, 1888. He was a lifelong Democrat, advocating Jeffersonian principles, and was a man of strong convictions who fearlessly advocated his views and gave to others the right to do the same.

Hosea Quimby was reared in the frontier settlement and with the family shared in the experiences of frontier life, thereby developing a self-reliance and force of character which have been of incalculable benefit to him in later years. In 1847 his father went to Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and se-

cured from the Government a tract of wild land which our subject aided in placing under cultivation. The arduous task of developing a new farm thus became familiar to him, and the training developed his physical manhood, giving him a constitution which fitted him for his own farm work in later years. His mental training was somewhat limited. He attended school held in a log house some distance from his home, and later was in a subscription school which convened in one department of the log cabin of Philemon Wicks. Experience, however, has been his teacher, and in the school of affairs he has gained a practical, useful knowledge. Possessing an observing eye and a retentive memory, he has learned that which has been of much benefit to him in his business career.

When the North began the struggle to preserve intact the Union which the South seemed determined to destroy, Mr. Quimby enlisted under the stars and stripes, donning the blue at Rochester, Minnesota, September 14, 1864, as a member of Company C, Seventh Minnesota Infantry, under Captain Thomas, with whom he served until the cessation of hostilities, when he was honorably discharged at Fort Snelling, September 16, 1865, returning at once to his home and family.

On the 27th of March, 1861, Mr. Quimby had wedded Miss Mary Wiser, who was born in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, May 13, 1845, and sailed with her parents from Bremen to Baltimore on a three-mast sailing vessel, which after a voyage of forty-five days upon the broad Atlantic dropped anchor in the harbor for which it started. After a short stay in the "city of monuments," they continued on their journey westward until reaching Princeton, Wisconsin, traveling to Chicago, thence by water to Milwaukee and on by team to their destination, which they reached in the summer of 1854. The father purchased a small farm and gave his entire time to its cultivation and to rearing his family. He was born in 1807, and after a long and useful life passed away at the age of sixty years. The wife of Henry Wiser was born in Hanover, in 1822, and is still living, at the age of seventy-two, her years resting lightly upon her and her mental faculties being still unimpaired. She is a faithful member of the Methodist Church, and her earnest Christian life has won for her the love and respect of many friends.

Mrs. Quimby was but sixteen years of age at the time of her marriage. On the 19th of September, 1863, the young wife accompanied her husband to Faribault county and was installed in their new home, a small frame shanty, 12 x 16 feet, with only a partial floor, made from lumber drawn by oxen from Morristown. The stovepipe was put through a hole in the roof and the cabin was furnished in primitive style in harmony with their surroundings, but secure in the love of husband and children the wife and mother braved the trials of frontier life and made the little home bright and happy. Ere winter came the house was covered with sod, several feet thick, that the cold might not touch the inmates; and though those were days of labor they were not without enjoyment such as is unknown to city-bred people. At length the pioneer home was replaced by a more modern structure, built of lumber drawn from a sawmill on Minnesota Lake, and standing on section 30, Minnesota Lake township. The land was rapidly placed under cultivation and became a rich and fertile farm, supplied with modern conveniences and giving evidence

of the care and supervision of a thrifty owner.

In 1877 Mr. Quimby was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away March 19, and was laid to rest in Minnesota Lake cemetery, where a marble monument marks her burial place. She left a family of six children, two sons and four daughters, and three of the number are natives of this State. Florence, called by her friends, Flora, was born in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, January 8, 1862, and became the wife of Richard Harmer, a farmer of Claremont, Dodge county, Wisconsin. William, a well-known and popular citizen of Easton, where he has a pretty home, was also born in Green Lake county, August 10, 1864, and married Jessie May Probart, who was born December 10, 1863, and by whom he has one child, Jesse H., born February 6, 1888. Rebecca, who was born in Minnesota Lake, May 15, 1866, is the wife of George Cory, a leading young business man of Easton, and the junior member of the firm of H. P. Edwards & Company, hardware merchants. Hattie, born January 27, 1868, is the wife of Hubert Mericle, a grain dealer of Easton, representing the firm of Corgle Brothers, of La Crosse, Wisconsin. Albert, born May 27, 1872, was graduated at the Des Moines Business College in the class of 1892, and holds the position of confidential clerk for his father, being possessed of excellent business ability. Mary, who is generally known as Mamie, was born March 21, 1875, and is now the wife of Fred Probart, an enterprising young farmer of Lura township.

On the 16th of February, 1878, Mr. Quimby wedded Caroline Wiser, twin sister of his first wife and a native of Hanover, Germany. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. J. E. Conrad, a Presbyterian minister, in the American House in Wells, Minnesota. The lady possesses more than average intelligence and has been a true helpmeet to her husband. They have four bright and interesting little children,—Charley, born July 22, 1879; Roy, born February 11, 1882; Carrie, born January 28, 1885; and Harry, born November 29, 1886. The Quimby family resides in a very pretty home in Easton, which was erected in 1887, and where true hospitality abounds. They have resided in the village ever since its organization with the exception of one year spent upon the farm.

Mr. Quimby has always been prominently identified with its interests and upbuilding, and his name is inseparably connected with its history. About four years after its incorporation he embarked in general merchandising. He erected the second elevator in Easton and about 1885 built another situated immediately in the rear of the Easton house. As a grain dealer he has done a good business, and in this way has added materially to his income. For many years he has dealt in real estate to a greater or less extent, and at one time owned over 4,000 acres of land. He erected a bank building at a cost of a number of thousand dollars, fitted up with all the accessories of a first-class banking establishment, and on the 1st of January, 1895, the doors of the Easton bank were opened for business. This institution is one which reflects credit upon both the town and the owner. Through the legitimate channels of business Mr. Quimby has sailed his barque to the harbor of success. He possesses that indomitable perseverance and energy which carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and

in the business world of Faribault county he has been an important factor. His prosperity comes as the just reward of honest effort, and he is now ranked among the substantial citizens of this community.

Mr. Quimby has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking, yet his fellow-townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to public office, and for the long period of twenty years he has served as Assessor. He has also been a member of the Town Board of Supervisors, and in Lura township was Town Clerk and Town Treasurer for many years. All the village offices have been filled by him in a most creditable and acceptable manner, and he is now the efficient and honored President of the town of Easton. He has the welfare of the town at heart at all times, and all that tends to the advancement of the social, moral, intellectual or commercial welfare of Easton receives his support. For a long period he has been Recorder, and as Justice of the Peace has dealt out punishment or reward with a fair and impartial hand. He voted for Abraham Lincoln at Fort Snelling, his first presidential vote, and has since been a warm advocate of Republican principles. He takes some interest in civic societies, belonging to McCally Post, No. 55, G. A. R., of Delevan; also to Wells Lodge, No. 172, F. & A. M., and to Easton Lodge, No. 197, I. O. O. F. Mr. Quimby is too well known in this locality to need words of commendation from the biographer, yet as this volume will be read and treasured by future generations something should be said of his characteristics. In manner he is pleasant, genial and social, therefore has won friends; in business he is ever straightforward and honorable and has therefore retained the friendship of those he has met, and won their confidence. An honored pioneer, a valued citizen, an esteemed gentleman, is the subject of this memoir.

JOHN W. SOMERS, a farmer of section 34, St. James township, is of sturdy old New England stock. He was born in the old historic town of Newtown, Fairfield county, Connecticut, August 29, 1845, one of the eleven children of Rufus and Esther (Peck) Somers, only six of whom grew up to years of maturity.

Mr. Rufus Somers was born in the same town, in the year 1800, the family in this country dating back to Henry Summers, father of Samuel Summers, who was living in what is now Connecticut in 1669, at the time of Samuel's birth. For several generations the families remained in the "Land of Steady Habits," in which State David, the grandfather, and Rufus, the father of our subject, passed their entire lives. Mr. Rufus Somers was a hatter by trade, employing a number of men in his business. He was one of the sturdy, enterprising men of his day. In his political principles he was a Republican, and in religion he was a zealous member of the Congregational Church, in which he was a Deacon, and was a deeply pious man. He was fifty-seven years of age at the time of his death, and his wife died in her eighty-sixth year.

John W. Somers was reared in his native town until thirteen years of age, then lived in Huntington for a time; returned to Newtown; later went to Derby, where he learned the trade of machinist, and at the age of twenty-three years, being threatened with lung trouble, he came, in 1868, to

Minnesota for his health. After residing in St. Paul for a year he came to Watonwan county, settling in St. James township, on section 28, where he proceeded to improve a farm of 160 acres, and where he lived until 1889, when he removed to section 34, and in 1891 he removed to a quarter section on section 34, where he now makes his home, This was new land, and he has made of it a comfortable home, with commodious buildings, a dairy of twenty cows, etc. For several years he has made a specialty of butter manufacture, finding a good market in St. Paul.

May 10, 1881, Mr. Somers was married to Miss Mary King, who was born near Joliet, Illinois, a daughter of William King and Hannah, *nee* Overman, who came to this county in 1872. Her mother died in 1888, leaving six children,—Mary (Mrs. Somers), Albert, Joseph, Emma, William and Martha. Their father is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Somers have eight children, as follows: Rufus W., Esther H., David E., Maggie E., Emma May, Ruth Anna, Fannie G. and Mary.

Mr. Somers has always been a strong Republican. For six years he was a member of the Board of Commissioners of the county, and he has been on the township Board of Supervisors, and for several terms as Township Clerk, which he is at present. He has always been deeply interested in public education, and for a number of years he has been a member of the School Board. In school matters he has been efficient in advancing the educational facilities of his community. As to religion, he is not a member of any church, while Mrs. Somers is a member of the Evangelical Association. He is well known as one of the active, enterprising public-spirited men of the day.

GEORGE S. DOBNER, a retired farmer of Faribault county, and one of its prominent citizens, who for almost twenty years has been identified with the history of this community, claims Germany as the land of his birth. The place was in the kingdom of Bavaria, and the date July 12, 1825. His father, Nicholas Dobner, was a native of the same locality. His mother, who was born in the same neighborhood, died during the infancy of George, and he was then reared by his grandmother Gleissner until he was twelve years old, at which time he was apprenticed to a shoemaker, serving a three-years term. When fifteen years of age he went to the different cities of his native land, where he worked at his trade until he had attained his majority. On the expiration of that period he went to the army, in which he served for six years, when his term of service expired. He held the office of commander of a station and loyally performed his duty.

In 1853 Mr. Dobner was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Schwarz, and in the same year, with his young wife, took passage on a sailing vessel, the Harvest, at Bremen, which after a voyage of six weeks dropped anchor in the harbor of Baltimore. They first went to Wheeling, now West Virginia, where our subject worked at his trade for about five years. In 1857 he came to Minneapolis, making his way to St. Paul and thence to St. Peter, but after a few days he returned to St. Paul, where he spent two weeks. His next location was in what is now Pepin county, Wisconsin, where he purchased a farm of eighty acres of unimproved land, at once turning his attention to its development and cultivation. He had previously had no experience as an agriculturist, and after two years he sold his prop-

erty, for the work was very uncongenial to him. Turning his attention to mercantile pursuits, he embarked in general merchandising in Pepin, Wisconsin, but after a short time sold out with the intention of returning to his old home in Wheeling. They went, however, only as far as Cleveland, when, his wife expressing a desire to return to Minnesota, they accordingly sought a home in the city of Rochester. On their next removal they went to Owatonna, Minnesota, where Mr. Dobner embarked in the shoe business, which he continued for nine years. Selling out, he then made a journey to his native land, and this time only twelve days were required to cross the ocean.

Mr. Dobner was accompanied by his wife and they spent six months in visiting the scenes of their childhood and renewing the acquaintances of youth, the trip proving a very pleasant one. They then again came to the land of their adoption, and, taking up their residence in Blue Earth City, our subject established a hardware store in company with Otto Kaup, their connection continuing for five years, when Mr. Dobner withdrew from the business, living retired for seven years from that time. He now resides in Blue Earth City. He has a farm of 391 acres of improved land on section 18, Blue Earth City township, adjoining Blue Earth City. He has placed this under a high system of cultivation, improving it in the most modern method, and the property is now very valuable. At this writing the land is leased to his son-in-law.

By his first marriage Mr. Dobner had one child, Maggie, now the wife of Charles Weyer. His wife died June 18, 1881, at the age of sixty-eight years, and in 1892 he was again married, his second union being with Henrajede Shultz, a native of Germany.

Mr. Dobner exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and while in Wisconsin served as Justice of the Peace, but has never been an office-seeker, preferring to give his time and attention wholly to his business interests and the enjoyment of his home. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has lived an honorable, upright life, which has gained for him the high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact. In his business dealings he has been successful, and has acquired a comfortable competence, which makes it possible for him to lay aside all cares and live retired, enjoying the rest which he has so richly earned and truly deserves.

GEORGE J. TOWER is one of the leading and influential farmers of Martin county, now residing on section 26, Tenhassen township. His name is inseparably connected with the political history of the community in which he makes his home, and in this volume he well deserves representation.

Mr. Tower claims New York as the State of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Otsego county on the 19th of December, 1824. In that county his father, Jonathan D. Tower, was also born, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Sallie Jones, was a native of the same State. They were married in New York, and in an early day emigrated westward, casting their lot with the early settlers of Lake county, Illinois. The father died in 1867, and his wife passed away in 1838. Their family numbered nine children, three of whom are yet living,—George J., Mrs. Fidelia Townsend and Gilbert. After the death of his first wife, Jon-

athan Tower was a second time married, and one child of that union still survives, named Emily. Three sons of the family served in the late war: George J., Wallace, who was killed near Lookout Mountain in one of the hard-fought battles of the war, and Emery.

Although born in Otsego county, our subject was reared in Wyoming county, New York, and its public schools afforded him his educational privileges. At the age of eighteen he began learning the boot and shoe trade, and followed that business for a period of twenty-two years, meeting with good success.

Mr. Tower has been twice married. On the 25th of May, 1847, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Polly Kingsbury, a native of New York, born in 1829. She died May 26, 1864, leaving two children who yet survive,—Clayton and Carlos. On the 1st of September, 1866, Mr. Tower led to the marriage altar Mrs. Abbie A. Wickham, a native of Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Peter and Alice (Dustin) Rowley, who came to Martin county before the war and settled at East Chain; both are now deceased. Mrs. Tower was born March 29, 1837, and first married Nathaniel B. Wickham, who was a soldier of Company B, Twenty-seventh Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, serving as a private. He died while in the service, in 1861. To Mr. and Mrs. Wickham were born three children, viz.: John, the eldest, left home at the age of seventeen years and traveled through the West, working in the mines. He married Rosie Young, by whom he has two children, Perry and Rose, and is now living in the State of Washington; Hannah is the wife of George Graham, and they have five children; Lucy is the deceased wife of Alfred Kately, and was the mother of seven children. To Mr. and Mrs. Tower have been born three children: Ellsworth, who married Mabel Haines and has two children,—Jennie E. and Glen E.; George and Darius, who are still at home.

During the late war Mr. Tower responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in February, 1865, in Company I, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he served as Corporal. He went to Georgia, where he joined the Army of the Cumberland and he served on detached duty. He continued at the front until 1866, and was then honorably discharged, after which he returned home. His son, Charles E., also served in the Civil war, becoming a musician in the Seventy-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was captured at the battle of Chickamauga, taken to Richmond, Virginia, and sent to Andersonville prison, where he died, in August, 1864.

In 1868 Mr. Tower arrived in Martin county, where he has since made his home, and the twenty-six years which have here been passed have been spent upon the farm which is now his home. For some time he experienced many hardships, but perseverance and enterprise at length triumphed over obstacles, and he has become one of the prosperous agriculturists of the community. He hauled the lumber for the buildings upon his farm a distance of seventy-five miles. He now owns 160 acres of good land in a high state of cultivation, and the well tilled fields and modern improvements indicate to the passer-by the thrift and enterprise of the owner. Capable business management, dilligent and careful attention to all details have been the factors in his success and have made his example well worthy of emulation.

Mr. Tower exercises his right of fran-

chise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and warmly advocates its principles. For many years he has held the office of Justice of the Peace, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity that has led to his long retention in office. He was also Supervisor for a number of terms, and has for some time been officially connected with the schools of the neighborhood. He has also served one term as County Commissioner, and as School Director for the long period of twenty-two years, while for some time he acted as School Clerk. The course of education has ever found in him a warm friend, and he used every means at his command to aid in its development. Socially he is connected with the Masonic order, and the Grand Army Post, both of Fairmont; and his wife is connected with the Christian Scientist Society of that place. This worthy couple are people of sterling qualities, whose well spent lives and many excellencies of character have gained them the high regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact. Their friends are many in the community, and in social circles they hold an enviable position.

FRED WILLIAM LINDSLEY, an extensive land-owner and prominent business man of Jackson, is a native of the Empire State. He was born on the 9th of May, 1853, in Kaaterskill, Greene county, and is a son of Clark and Ruama Matilda (Bennett) Lindsley. The family is of English origin and was founded in America by the great-grandfather of our subject. The grandfather was born in this country and served in the war of 1812. In his family were the following children: Ephraim, John, Mary, Lucy, Lewis, Adelia and Clark.

The last named was born in Oswego county, New York, May 22, 1822, and removed thence to Greene county. He was married in Bleecker, Fulton county, New York, January 16, 1850, to Miss Bennett, and in 1855 they emigrated westward to Wisconsin, settling in Fond du Lac county on the 10th of April, 1855. There the father secured a farm which he operated until May 9, 1869, when he started to Jackson county, Minnesota. Making the journey by team he did not reach his destination until the 10th of June. He was accompanied by his wife and seven children, and they also drove sixteen head of cattle. Here the father entered a claim to 160 acres of land on section 24, Middletown township, and at once began to cultivate the wild land, transforming it into rich and fertile fields. He also added to the value and attractive appearance of the place by the many good improvements he put upon it. He continued his farming operations until the 16th of November, 1887, when with his wife he removed to Jackson to live retired. Here he enjoyed the rest which he has so truly earned and richly deserved, and among the honored early settlers of the county he is numbered.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley have been born the following children: Flora Anna, who was born May 19, 1855, married John Ashley, and after his death wedded Eber Remler; they are now living on a farm near Rushford, Minnesota, and have one child, six years of age; Luna M., who was born December 3, 1856; Almeda Ardelle, born March 19, 1858, is the wife of W. O. Butterfield, of Jackson, and their children are Howard, Burton and Fred; Delancey,

born March 26, 1860, died April 30, 1878; Alice A., born March 26, 1861, died February 8, 1891; Addie Matilda, born December 4, 1864, makes her home with her mother and is successfully engaged in teaching school. The father of this family died in Jackson, Minnesota, March 25, 1890, but the mother, who was born in Westerloo, Albany county, New York, October 27, 1819, is still living.

Fred William Lindsley was only three years old when his parents left the State of his nativity. He came with them to Minnesota in 1869 and remained upon the home farm until the spring of 1879. In the spring of 1877 he began handling agricultural implements in Windom and Jackson; and in 1879 removed his Windom stock to Jackson, where he permanently established himself in business. In that year he also began dealing in live stock, and to that industry still devotes his energies. He now controls 530 acres of land in Jackson county, together with 320 acres in Harrison county, Iowa. He has 610 acres under cultivation and upon the land are five tenants. He also owns fifty acres of land within the corporation limits of Jackson,—a very valuable tract. He has studied closely land values, and his sagacity and discrimination have enabled him to make judicious investments which have brought him rich returns. He also owns eight lots in the Merriam park addition to St. Paul, two lots in Albright's choice addition to Omaha, and other town property. Although the greater part of his time and attention have been given to his landed interests, his business ability is not limited to this one line of trade, and in connection with his other enterprises he is now a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company, and was one of the original directors of the State Bank of Jackson, and is still connected with that institution in that capacity.

Mr. Lindsley was married on the 24th of October, 1882, to Laura E. La Rue, daughter of Samuel and Jennie La Rue. Her great-grandfather was the founder of the La Rue family on this side the Atlantic. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Jennie Dixon, was born in Ireland November 17, 1813, and was married on the 29th of February, 1828. The children born of this union are: Robert, born October 4, 1833; Susan, born September 24, 1835; Mary Jane, born February 10, 1838; Samuel Francis, born March 21, 1840; Criness, born March 13, 1842; Hannah Rebecca, born April 12, 1844; Benjamin Franklin, born June 29, 1846; Richard Steadman, born March 7, 1849; George Silas, born August 21, 1851; Laura Ellen, wife of our subject, born September 25, 1855; and Clara, born December 9, 1857. Three children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley: Mattie R., born March 2, 1884; Leora May, March 7, 1886; and Frederick Lawrence, June 18, 1889.

Mr. Lindsley has held a number of township and village offices,—such as member of the Council, member of the Board of Health, etc., and is always interested in what pertains to the welfare of the community in which he resides and its upbuilding. In the spring of 1881 both he and his wife joined the Presbyterian Church, and to its support they contribute liberally. In his political affiliations Mr. Lindsley is a Republican, and in his social connection is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His life has been one of most gratifying success, and that he has become so prosperous a citizen is due entirely to his own efforts,—to his diligence, energy and good management,

but most of all to his persistence, which falters not on meeting difficulties but goes steadily on to the goal in view.

JOHN R. GRINOLDS, of section 19, Walnut Lake township (post office Easton), is an old settler in this vicinity, arriving here as early as 1858

He was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1826, a son of John M. Grinolds, who was a native of Herkimer county, New York. The latter was a son of Matthew Grinolds, who was a native of Rhode Island. John M. was married, in Tioga county, to Miss Sallie Matson, who was born in Herkimer county, a daughter of Eli Matson, a native of Rhode Island and a Revolutionary soldier. They had nine children, namely: Roxanna, Lucy A., Dorcas M., Polly R., Sarah J., Almira, John R., Matthew and Stephen. The last mentioned was a soldier in the last war, in a Wisconsin regiment, lost his arm by a shell and bled to death twenty days afterward. The family moved to Juneau county, Wisconsin, in 1853, settling near Mauston, when the country was new. The mother died at the age of eighty-four years, and the father aged eighty-eight. By occupation the elder Grinolds was a farmer, and in his politics a Democrat. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Grinolds, whose name heads this sketch, was reared on a farm and educated in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and Steuben county, New York. In 1854 he came West to Muscatine county, Iowa, and a year afterward went to Juneau county, Wisconsin, and after a residence there two and a half years he came to Freeborn county, Minnesota, to Albert Lea. In March, 1858, came and took a pre-emption and proved up on it as a homestead,—160 acres, in Faribault county. This place now has long been a fine, well-equipped farm, and diversified crops are raised upon it. The premises are ornamented by a splendid grove of ten acres, one tree in which, planted by Mr. Grinolds, is now nine feet in circumference. He had at one time 280 acres, but as he has sold a portion, there are now only eighty acres.

In 1851, in Steuben county, New York, Mr. Grinolds married Laura A. Schoonover, a daughter of Richard and Vina (Potter) Schoonover, natives of Herkimer county, that State. These parents had nine children, as follows: Job, Emeline, Mima Ann, Daniel, Leonard, Laura, Bailey (a soldier of the late war, now living in Lucas county, Iowa), Jennette and Harriet. Mr. Grinolds' living children are: George W., Richard F., Theodore M., Sarah Maria and Ida A. The deceased are W. H., who died aged five months; and Connie, who died eighteen months old.

Mr. Grinolds is a Republican, and he has served in nearly all the township offices, giving satisfaction in all. In his religious principles he is a member of the Baptist Church.

PROF. AARON F. SCHMITT, Superintendent of the Public Schools of Jackson, Minnesota, and an educator of prominence in the State, was born in New Trier, Minnesota, on the 12th of February, 1870, and is of German descent on both the paternal and maternal side. His ancestors originally came from Stuttgart, Germany. The paternal grandfather, Christian Schmitt, was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, in 1810, and died in Kasson, Minnesota, in 1875. The maternal

grandfather, Ulrich C. Lipp, was born in Stuttgart, in 1818, crossed the Atlantic to America, in 1847, and is yet living, enjoying good health.

On the 13th of October, 1836, in Marion, Marion county, Ohio, occurred the birth of John H. Schmitt, the father of the well-known professor of Jackson. Having arrived at years of maturity, he was united in marriage with Maria C. Lipp, who was born in Stuttgart, Germany, December 10, 1845, and with her parents came to America in 1847. By this union were born the following children: George W., who was born at New Ulm, Minnesota, February 22, 1864; Harrison L., born at Waverly, Iowa, October 13, 1866; Mary S., born in St. Charles, May 5, 1868; Aaron F., whose name heads this sketch; Samuel C., born at New Trier, Minnesota, October 15, 1872; John W., born in Paynesville, this State, October 12, 1875; and Lillian C., born in Redwood Falls, August 8, 1881. At the age of nineteen the father of this family became a minister of the gospel, connected with the German Evangelical Church, and his whole life was devoted to that work. He was one of nature's noblemen, and all who knew him held him in the highest regard. His death occurred in Waseca, Minnesota, on the 28th of February, 1889, but the mother is still living and makes her home in Mankato.

The gentleman whose name heads this record was educated in the State of his nativity, completing his school life in Mankato, being graduated in the Latin scientific course in the spring of 1891. He was a most thorough student and mastered his studies in a way that gave him prominence among his classmates. Immediately after his graduation he was elected as principal of the Franklin school of Mankato, Minnesota, and in the summer of 1892 he was elected Superintendent of the Public Schools of Jackson, where he has since lived. Through his instrumentality the Jackson schools have been placed on the list of State high schools. He has raised the standard of excellence and made improvements which are recognized as extremely beneficial. He has been three times honored by the Department of Public Instruction, by appointments as instructor in the teachers' training schools, and, though yet a young man, he has a reputation as an able instructor which many an older teacher might well envy.

Prof. Schmitt is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Jackson. The success and happiness of his life was promoted by his marriage to Elizabeth Bangerter, at Mankato, Minnesota, on the 29th of August. 1894.

GEORGE BAXTER is the owner of the beautiful farm of Maple Grove, one of the finest country homes in Faribault county. It is pleasantly and desirably located, and is a most attractive place. The owner is numbered among the prominent and progressive agriculturists of this section of the State, and since settling here in 1879 has been accounted one of the valued citizens.

A native of Granville, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, he was born on the 6th of November, 1845, and is a son of Nathan Baxter, who was born in Bradford county, that State. In the early history of this country his ancestors crossed the Atlantic and located in the Mohawk Valley of New York. The grandfather, Chauncey Baxter, claimed the Empire State as the place of his

nativity, and thence removed to Pennsylvania, where Nathan Baxter was born and reared. He acquired his education in the public schools, and after he had attained to man's estate he was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Decker, a daughter of George Decker and a native of the Keystone State. For many years the parents of our subject remained in the East, but finally came to Minnesota, locating, in 1888, in Winnebago City, where they now reside, the father at the age of seventy-five years, the mother at the age of seventy. He has laid aside all business cares, and is now enjoying the rest which a long and well spent life has earned. Honored and respected throughout the community, he has many warm friends, and in their high regard his estimable wife also shares. To them was born a family of nine children, namely: Eliza; George; Charles, deceased; Judson, who formerly engaged in teaching but has now passed away; Wilbur; Osbert; Samantha, deceased; Emogene, and Newton. They were all provided with good educational advantages to fit them for the practical and responsible duties of life and the surviving members of the family occupy positions as valued citizens in the various communities in which they make their homes.

George Baxter was very fortunate in his early surroundings. He did not live in a home supplied with luxuries, but on the contrary was reared to habits of industry and economy, and instilled into his mind were lessons of honesty and a love of right that have clung to him through the passing years and made him one of Faribault county's best citizens. The public school afforded training for his mind, and in the farm fields he attained a splendid physical development which gave him health and strength for his own business career. In his youth he learned the trade of an engineer and followed that pursuit for many years, in different States. At the age of eighteen he went to Waukesha county, Wisconsin, and after residing for one year in Oconomowoc removed to Muskegon, Michigan, where he obtained a desirable position in a sawmill as engineer, being employed there for several years. He then returned to Waukesha county, where he was next engaged in running a steam thresher, and won success in that undertaking, which he continued up to 1879,—the year of his arrival in Faribault county.

In the meantime Mr. Baxter was married. On the 4th of December, 1872, in Janesville, Rock county, Wisconsin, he led to the marriage altar Miss Etta Kilmer, a lady of superior intelligence, culture and refinement, coming of a good family. She was born in Columbus county, New York, and is a daughter of Peter and Eliza (Snider) Kilmer, both of whom were natives of New York and died there, leaving their little daughter an orphan at the age of five years. She was reared by her uncle, James Kilmer, of Janesville, Wisconsin, where she grew to womanhood and obtained her education. The household is brightened by the presence of a son, George Judson, who was born in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, September 13, 1875, and is now a student in Parker College, at Winnebago City. The family is one of prominence in the community and its members occupy enviable positions in the circles of society in which they move.

On his arrival in Minnesota Mr. Baxter purchased eighty acres of land, investing the capital he had acquired through his own labors in previous years. As his financial resources have increased he has also

made other investments in real estate until his landed possessions now aggregate 400 acres. He raises cereals adapted to this climate and is also engaged to some extent in stock-raising, keeping on hand a good grade of horses and making a specialty of shorthorn cattle. For twenty-two seasons he has operated a steam thresher and is an expert in that line of business. The many improvements which he has placed upon his property has made it one of the finest farms in this section of the country. The home comprises 320 acres of rich soil, and in addition he has eighty acres of section 13, Winnebago township. On the former are all the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the nineteenth century. He has two fine barns, one 32 x 60 feet, with eighteen-foot posts, and sheds 18 x 60 feet, and the other 18 x 40 feet, also with eighteen-foot posts, and both have rock foundations. He has used over ten car-loads of rock upon the place in making the farm one of the fine properties of Minnesota. The buildings are models of convenience in their arrangement and are always well repaired and painted. In addition to those mentioned there are a good granary, wagon and machine sheds, and fences divide the farm into fields of convenient size. A fine windmill draws its water from a great depth, and the clear, sparkling liquid is always cold and refreshing in the hot summer days. A tank has been built and pipes run to the house, lawn and garden. Meadow, pasture and fields are all in good shape for the uses to which they are put, and garden and orchard yield their fruit and vegetables to supply bountifully the table.

The farm derives its name from a beautiful grove of maples which surrounds the home, and of this we must now speak. It is a large and substantial residence, the main portion being 16 x 26 feet. There is one L 14 x 24 feet, and both these are two stories in height. Then there is another wing, one story high, the dimensions of which are 14 x 22 feet. It is built in a modern style of architecture and is furnished neatly and tastefully, is rich but not gaudy. It indicates culture and refinement, and is presided over with grace by the hostess, who always extends a pleasant welcome to her visitors.

Mr. Baxter is a frank, warm-hearted man, of jovial and genial disposition, of broad, liberal and progressive views, and as a citizen is devoted to the county's welfare. He belongs to Amboy Lodge, No. 97, I. O. O. F., and in his political connections he is a stalwart Republican. We take great pleasure in presenting to our readers this record of the life of George Baxter, the popular owner of the Maple Grove Farm.

THOMAS CRAWFORD, editor of the Lakefield Standard, is a native of Ayrshire among the hills of Scotland, born September 7, 1871, the youngest of twelve children of David and Janet (Hannah) Crawford. The father died in Scotland, in middle life, and the mother is still living, in advanced age.

In the year 1880, David, the eldest brother, came to this country to settle, and, finding the conditions favorable for success, his brother, Thomas (our subject), in May, 1891, also emigrated to the United States, in company with another brother, James, and they at once located in Lakefield. It should be said that Mr. Crawford attended in boyhood the schools of England and Scotland, pursuing advanced studies at the Col-

lege of Science and Art, afterward the Technical College, of Glasgow, for five years, and becoming an accomplished analytical chemist. Since coming here he has taken up newspaper work, in company with his brother, John, publishing the Lakefield Standard until January, 1895, since which time Thomas Crawford has had entire charge of the enterprise, which is one of the successful and valued weekly journals of this region.

While young in years, Mr. Crawford is a gentleman of broad views, possessing unbounded energy, and is one of the representative young business men of this part of the State. A bright future certainly awaits him.

JOHN H. ROBBINS, a retired farmer living in Winnebago City, was long connected with the agricultural interests of Martin county, and the industry and enterprise which characterized his business career well entitles him to the luxury of rest.

Mr. Robbins is a native of Upper Canada, born in Johnstown district, on the 22d of December, 1840. His father, John Robbins, was born in Cornwall county, Canada East, of English descent, and married Emily Hastings, a native of Connecticut and a daughter of George W. Hastings, who was a soldier of the war of 1812 and removed to the British dominion when his daughter was a maiden of eight summers. The parents of our subject remained in Canada until 1856, when, by way of the lakes and rail, they went to St. Paul, Minnesota, and thence to Blue Earth county, locating on Willow creek. They resided there until 1862, when, affrighted by the Indian massacre at New Ulm, they left their place of residence and removed to Clayton county, Iowa, where they lived until the death of the father, January 22, 1863; he was born November 28, 1802. The mother, whose birth occurred September 10, 1810, departed this life on the 31st of March, 1878, in California. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Harriet, William, George, Emily J., Matilda, John H., Teresa, Eleazer and Robert H. During the late war Eleazer responded to the President's call for troops, enlisting in a Minnesota regiment, and died during service.

In the land of his birth Mr. John H. Robbins was reared until the age of sixteen years, and in its schools received his education. He then came to the United States, locating in Minnesota, and the following year, in 1857, went overland to California, traveling with an ox team and a company composed of five men. It took them seven months to complete the journey, during which they had several encounters with hostile Indians. They passed through Denver, then a hamlet containing only a few log cabins. On reaching the Golden State, Mr. Robbins located in Sonoma county, where he engaged in the live-stock and meat business, also in mining, until 1866. Returning East, he made the trip by way of the isthmus and New York city. He then came to Minnesota, locating first in Nashville township, Martin county, upon a tract of wild land, on which a very little improvement had been made. He became owner of 540 acres, which he put in a state of high cultivation, adding to it also many substantial improvements, as a dwelling, good barns and outbuildings generally and fences, which latter divide the farm into fields of convenient size; also he planted a grove, and the beautiful trees are now a living monument to the progressive spirit of

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the owner. In addition to general farming he also carried on stock-raising, keeping on hand good grades of horses and cattle.

On the 28th of March, 1869, in Nashville township, Martin county, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Robbins and Miss Melissa Grant, a lady of many excellent traits of character. In 1857 the Grant family removed to Wisconsin from New Brunswick, and four years later they arrived in Minnesota, coming with ox teams and covered wagons. They occupied a log cabin and underwent all the experiences of pioneer life on the frontier.

When the Grant family first settled on their farm eight miles west of Winnebago City, there was only one house between the city and their home. Their nearest neighbor to the north was ten miles distant, and southward it was difficult to tell how distant the nearest neighbor resided.

Their crops were destroyed by grasshoppers and they suffered somewhat from the Indians. The parents, John and Hannah (Miller) Grant, both natives of New Brunswick, have now passed to the other world, the mother dying in Nicolet county, Minnesota, at the age of sixty-two years, and the father in Garden City, this State, seventy-seven years of age. Their children, seven in number, were Howard D., Maria, Willard, Leonard, Melissa, Bertha and Nelson. The first named was a soldier in the late war, a member of the Second Wisconsin Cavalry, and died during service, of measles, at Camp John. The father of these children strongly favored abolition principles, and when the Republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he joined its ranks and was one of its stalwart supporters.

Mrs. Robbins is a native of New Brunswick, and is the mother of seven children, viz.: Sherman A., in California; Fred H., now a student in Parker College, Winnebago City; Frank H., attending the high school; Jesse N., who died at the age of seven months; Bert E.; Guy R.; and Arthur W.

Mr. Robbins, our subject, holds to the principles of Republicanism, and has served in several local offices, among them that of School Treasurer. His wife holds membership in the Free Methodist Church, and is an active Christian. Mr. Robbins is a typical pioneer, a man of strong physique, and a worthy citizen of his adopted county. In 1889 he removed his family to Winnebago City, where he has a good property, and is living retired there, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

THOMAS JEFFERSON KNOX.—In the legal profession, which embraces some of the most brilliant minds of the nation, it is difficult to win a name and a place of prominence. Many aspire to it, but few reach it. In commercial life one may start out on a more advanced plane than others, he may enter into a business already established and carry it still further forward; but not so in the legal profession; one must commence at the very beginning, must plead and win his first case and work his way upward by ability and integrity, gaining his reputation and success by merit. If the victor's laurel is placed upon his brow it is because he has led in the race. People do not place their legal business in unskilled hands. It is the man of power before judge and jury, in whose integrity and ability people have confidence, that demands public patronage.

Such a man is Thomas J. Knox, who is accounted one of the foremost lawyers in Minnesota. His office is located in Jackson county, but his reputation has extended throughout southwestern Minnesota.

Mr. Knox was born at Covington, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, on the 16th of February, 1846, descending from Revolutionary stock. His grandfather, George Knox, who was born September 27, 1757, was a member of the Colonial army during the greater part of the struggle for independence. By trade he was a tanner, following that pursuit after the close of the war until the time of his death. He erected the first tannery built at Covington, Pennsylvania, and owned and operated the same till his death. His wife, Ann Knox, was born November 23, 1764, and died June 21, 1808. He survived her for a number of years, passing away March 10, 1834.

Their children were Thomas, who was born April 28, 1785, and died August 7, 1795; Jean, who became the wife of William Kirk; Betsey, who was born October 31, 1787, and married James Crownover; James Knox, born December 21, 1789, who, in 1845, removed to Oregon, where most of his descendants still reside; Nancy, who was born March 31, 1792, and married Robert Montgomery; Bell, who was born November 22, 1794, and married John Bennett, and, after his death, became the wife of John Jenkinson; Hannah, born August 8, 1797, and married Jesse Minshall; Ann, who was born September 1, 1802, and became the wife of William Armstrong; George, the father of our subject; and Samuel Bell, who was born January 14, 1808, and died in 1875.

The maternal grandfather of T. J. Knox, Royal Cole, was also one of the patriots who aided in throwing off the yoke of British oppression and establishing the new republic. Again, in the war of 1812, he went out in defense of his country, and wherever and whenever he was found he was the same loyal, faithful citizen. He made his home in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, and some of his descendants are still residents of that locality. His children were Gideon, who was killed in the war of 1812; Rachel, who married Daniel Odell; Betsey, who first married Moses Johnson, and after his death wedded Erastus Fellows; Deborah, who married Lyman Wetmore; Jerusha, who was born November 25, 1812, and became the wife of Alanson Andrews; Ruth, twin sister of Jerusha and the the mother of T. J. Knox; and Lewis the youngest.

Hon. George Knox, father of Jackson county's popular attorney, was born December 22, 1805, and under his father's instruction learned the tanner's trade, becoming an expert workman and following that pursuit during the greater part of his life in the East. In the spring of 1854 he moved with his family to Wisconsin, locating on a farm near Geneva, and from that time forward gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. In the autumn of 1855 he became a resident of Fillmore county, Minnesota, pre-empting a claim in Bristol township and securing the title at the Government Land Office. He continued his residence there until about the close of the war. Believing then that the "New South" was to be the "coming country," he visited Kirksville, Missouri, but finding conditions there still too unsettled he abandoned his intention to locate in the South at that time and returned to his Minnesota home. Purchasing a farm in Racine township, Mower county, he passed his remaining years there.

He was a man of marked individuality, fearless in support of what he believed to be right and to the best interests of the community in which he resided; and all local movements for the public welfare found in him a friend. He held a number of public positions, but was in no sense an office-seeker. His public offices ranged from that of Justice of the Peace to member of the Legislature, and in all he was equally faithful to the duties which devolved upon him, possessing in a marked degree the Jeffersonian requirements of honesty and capacity. While a resident of the Keystone State he was sent to the Legislature, being elected on the Democratic ticket. A well spent life gained him the high regard of all who knew him, and his death, which occurred November 11, 1867, was deeply mourned by many friends.

It is with continued pleasure that we now turn our attention to the personal history of Thomas J. Knox, the direct subject of the brief biographical outline, as he is one of the most prominent and honored lawyers of southern Minnesota. His early school privileges were limited, but he was naturally studious and had access to a good library in his father's home, for his parents were people of cultured and literary tastes. Thus his education was obtained largely under the parental roof, supplemented by a year's attendance at a private academy. In 1868 he secured a copy of Blackstone, and undirected began reading law, but the following year entered the law office of C. T. Benedict, then of Rochester, Minnesota, but now of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The succeeding year he became a student in the law office of Stearns & Start, who have become prominent in the affairs of the nation, the former as United States Senator and the latter as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota. On the 14th of October, 1871, Mr. Knox was admitted to practice before the courts of the State, and on the 12th of December, 1876, before the United States Courts. For four months after his admission to the bar he continued with his preceptors, and from them gained some very valuable information concerning the management of legal business.

Shortly after his admission to the bar he visited southwestern Minnesota with the intention of going to Dakota in search of a location, and was caught in the great blizzard which swept over the country November 12, 1872; and it was impossible to proceed further than Windom, Cottonwood county, Minnesota. That town was then connected with Jackson by a stage route, and Mr. Knox determined to make his way to the latter place and thence return home; but in Jackson he met some friends of former years who urged him to remain here. This he finally decided to do, and became a permanent citizen November 17, 1872.

The years immediately following 1872 were not favorable to the development of southwestern Minnesota and the young lawyer had a severe struggle to maintain his position during the early years of his practice; but by perseverance and close attention to business he eventually succeeded in building up a large and lucrative clientage. He has been successful in practice,—close application, earnest labor and untiring effort winning him a high reputation. He is gifted by nature with a good delivery, is a fluent and forcible speaker, and his remarks before judge and jury are argumentative, clear, logical and forcible. His quick perception and ready and apt expression are well marked. He has never been associated with

a partner, but has been the preceptor of several young men who have assisted him in his professional transactions.

Mr. Knox was married September 3, 1877, to Miss Jane Cowing, daughter of John and Elizabeth Cowing. She was born August 29, 1856, is a most estimable lady, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Knox have had the following children: Elizabeth, who was born September 23, 1878, and died January 27, 1879; John Cowing, born January 7, 1880; Ruth, born June 6, 1884; and Thomas Start, born September 19, 1888.

Since becoming a resident of Jackson Mr. Knox has been honored with several political offices. He served as Probate Judge for a short time by appointment, and in December, 1879, was elected Superintendent of the Public Schools of Jackson county on an independent ticket, and for two succeeding terms was elected on the Republican ticket. As a Republican candidate he was elected County Attorney, serving from 1887 to 1891, and in May of the latter year was appointed a member of the State Board of Examiners in Law, to represent the Second Congressional District. In May, 1892, he was reappointed, and is still a member of that commission. Every public trust imposed upon Mr. Knox has been faithfully and ably discharged.

He is a member of several civic societies, as Des Moines Valley Lodge, No. 156, I. O. O. F., and Jackson Lodge, No. 49, A. O. U. W.,—being a charter member of both organizations.

In manner he is pleasant and genial, taking a deep interest in the welfare, progress and upbuilding of the locality where he resides, supporting all enterprises intended to uplift humanity. In professional life he is energetic and progressive, laboring for his clients conscientiously and with reference to their interests, whether rich or poor. In official life he is devoted to the welfare of the public in all relations, whether of a public or private character; and in his conduct everywhere he is a true gentleman.

SYLVESTER BLAXLEY MILLER, deceased, was born in Greene county, New York, June 6, 1825, a son of William and Rosanna (Blaxley) Miller, the former a native of Germany, and the latter is supposed to have been born in Connecticut. S. B., the fourth of eight children, seven sons and one daughter, remained with his parents until his marriage, when he located on a farm five miles west of Racine, Racine county, Wisconsin, remaining there eighteen years. He next spent four years in Goodhue county, Minnesota, and then located in Martin county. Mr. Miller immediately located on the place where his widow still resides, which contained a small log house built for trappers, and into which they moved. His death occurred on the following year, in 1869.

Mrs. Jane (Steele) Miller was born in county Antrim, Ireland, March 3, 1825, and when quite young came with her parents to America, locating first in Canada. Her mother died soon afterward, and she was raised by a family in Utica, New York, afterward removing to Albany county, that State. She was married in Greene county, New York, in 1844, at the age of twenty years, and is the mother of seven children, namely: Georgeanna, Charles H. and Emma D., deceased; Sarah E., who first married H. M. Gavin, and they had three children, Ida, Gertrude and Ralph; and for her second hus-

band she married Daniel Felton, they having one son, Daniel, Jr.; Havillah B., who married Martha Hackett, and has three children—Alfred, Mondis and Lee; Mary Y., deceased; Charles S. married Emma Grant, a daughter of Eben and Delphine (Vermylia) Grant, and has three children—Lester, Earl and Roy.

T. J. WILLIAMS, an enterprising farmer of Verona township, Faribault county, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, and is a son of Thomas J. and Lydia (Champlain) Williams, the former a native of New Hampshire, born November 29, 1801, and the latter of Westmoreland county, New York, born September 1, 1808. For many years they resided in Cattaraugus county, New York, and in 1851 left their eastern home for Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, then a frontier settlement. They lived in Waupun township, until 1866, when they came to Verona township, Faribault county, Minnesota. Here the father secured a homestead claim of forty acres and subsequently purchased 160 acres of land, so that he had a good tract of 200 acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation, continuing its improvement until called to his final rest. He passed away at the age of seventy-one, and his wife departed this life at the age of seventy-nine. They had a family of twelve children, eight of whom reached mature years. Sarah died after reaching womanhood, when twenty-eight years of age, and four died in childhood. Sophronia is the wife of B. F. Forbes, who is living in Verona township, Faribault county; Henry served as a soldier during the late war as a member of the Third Wisconsin Infantry for six months, then enlisted in the Sixth Minnesota Infantry and served three years; Mrs. Coralinn Johnson and Mrs. Lucy Cooley follow in the order of birth; R. J., who was a prominent minister of the Methodist Protestant Church and a zealous worker in the Master's cause, is now deceased, as is his wife, who passed away in Washington, leaving a daughter, Ruth Williams, who is now attending college in Winnebago City; Hon. A. A. Williams, of Verona township; and Thomas J., of this sketch. The father is a Republican and a warm advocate of the principles of that party. He was strongly anti-Mason, and was a resident of Batavia, New York, at the time of the Morgan murder excitement, and was well acquainted with Mr. Morgan. He held membership in the Baptist Church and lived an honorable upright life. He was Captain of a company in the Two-hundred Thirty-fourth New York Infantry and was afterward Colonel of the same regiment. He was faithful to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private, and all who knew him entertained for him the highest regard.

The gentleman who forms the subject of this review was reared upon a farm, and no event of special importance occurred to break the routine of farm life. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges, and as years have passed he has made the most of his opportunities and privileges. His residence in Minnesota dates from 1866, and upon the western frontier the greater part of his life has been passed, for he was only three years of age when his parents went to Wisconsin in 1851, his birth having occurred October 5, 1848.

After arriving at man's estate Mr. Williams chose as a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Miss Julia Andross, the wed-

ding being celebrated in Martin county, Minnesota, February 15, 1877. The lady was born March 12, 1855, and was a successful and popular teacher. She was reared and educated in Martin county, and is a daughter of Charles and Elsie (Dykeman) Andross, the latter a native of Schoharie county, New York, while the father claimed New Hampshire as the State of his nativity and was a soldier of the late war. In their family were eight children, as follows: Frank, Charles, Julia, Mary, John, Hattie, Gertie and Maud. The Williams household numbers six children, and the family circle remains unbroken. They are Charles A., born February 22, 1878; Anna E., born July 31, 1879; Ada E., born January 21, 1882; Florence, born April 8, 1884; Wilber, born January 9, 1886; and Arthur, born September 30, 1891.

In political views Mr. Williams was formerly a Republican, but is now a stanch advocate of the Prohibition party, which embodies his views on the temperance question, and this he believes to be the question of most vital importance now before the people. He has served as Town Supervisor and as a member of the School Board, but has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking, though, as every true American citizen should do, he manifests a deep interest in political affairs and keeps well informed on the issues of the day. He has the best interests of the community at heart, and is accounted one of the public-spirited and progressive men of the county. He is a true Christian gentleman, a worker in the cause of the Master and a close student of the Bible. His word is as good as his bond, his integrity is above question and all who know him respect him. There are men, quiet and unostentatious in manner, whose force of character, however, is unconsciously exerted, and felt while those who try to be important affect us with their insignificance. To the former class belongs the subject of this record.

We could not close this sketch without giving at least a brief description of the farm of which he is owner. It comprises 280 acres of land in a high state of cultivation, and is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences. His home is a comfortable residence, two stories in height, 22 x 32 feet, with an L 16 x 24 feet a story and a half high, and an addition 12 x 16 feet. The large barn is 50 x 60 feet, with sixteen-foot posts, and there are good sheds, cribs, a granary, machine shop and a fine windmill,—in fact none of the accessories or conveniences of a model farm are lacking. There is also a beautiful grove of five acres, which adds to the value and attractive appearance of the place, and the Williams homestead is justly ranked among the best farms of Faribault county.

PATRICK HENRY ALLEN is one of the earliest pioneers of Faribault county, and it is appropriate that some personal mention be made of him in this work.

Mr. Allen was born in Essex county, New York, at Fort Ticonderoga, March 30, 1835. His father, Truman Allen, also a native of that county, was born February 4, 1803, a son of Joel Allen, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and who was wounded while in the ranks. They were related to the noted Ethan Allen. Truman Allen married Susan Cook, a native of Essex county and a daughter of Leonard Cook, and some years after their marriage they removed to Winnebago county, Illinois, and

settled near Rockton. Subsequently they came still further west and took up their abode in Buchanan county, Iowa, where Truman Allen died, September, 20, 1877. His wife was born May 10, 1806, and died November 29, 1885. He was a farmer and lumber dealer, was a great Bible student and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had a large family of children, namely: Leonard, Denis, Patrick Henry, George, Jane, Maria, Wealthy, Phoebe, Addie H., Ellen and Lusaine.

P. H. Allen was reared in his native county, in 1853 came west to Illinois, in 1854 to Iowa, and in 1856 came from Independence, Iowa, to Faribault county, Minnesota. He came here in company with H. H. Biglowe, who was for many years a prominent citizen of the county and who died in California. Mr. Allen lived near Winnebago City for some years, and since 1883 he has resided on his present farm, 120 acres in section 15, Verona township. Here he has good farm buildings and is successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising. From his home is obtained a fine view of the surrounding country.

Mr. Allen was married February 5, 1863, in Winnebago City, to Miss Mary Forbes, who was born at Burlington, Wisconsin, and reared at Waupun, that State. She is a daughter of B. F. Forbes, deceased. Extended mention of the Forbes family will be found in the biography of her brother, B. F. Forbes, in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have one child, Burt H., who is engaged in farming and stock-raising with his father.

Mr. Allen gives his support to the Republican party, and some years ago was one of the wheel-horses of the party in Faribault county. He was County Sheriff in 1864 and '5, filling the office with credit both to himself and his constituents. Of recent years, however, he has not taken an active part in political matters. Personally, he is frank and jovial, and possesses many of the characteristics of the pioneer. Few men in this part of the county are better known or more highly esteemed than is P. H. Allen.

LLOYD W. ALLEN, a carpenter and joiner by trade and a contractor and builder, residing in the village of Wells, is well known to be a good mechanic and an honorable business man and a competent and reliable builder.

He is a native of Oswego county, New York, born June 20, 1843, a son of Robert R. Allen, who also was a native of that State and of Irish stock, as was also his wife, *nee* Catharine Odekirk. Her father's parents were Mohawk Dutch, and she was reared in the Empire State.

Mr. Allen, the subject of this sketch, was but two years old when the family removed to Wisconsin, settling on Government land at Oakfield, Fond du Lac county, where they improved the wild land and followed agricultural pursuits. The father died in middle life, at the age of forty-five years, leaving a widow and five children, namely: Sarah, living in Lamartine, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin; Hugh, who still owns the old homestead in that State; Jerome, who died at the age of thirty-six years, from consumption contracted while in the army; Uri, who also was a soldier in a Wisconsin regiment during the late war, where he received two guushot wounds; and Lloyd W., our subject. Robert R. Allen was a Wisconsin farmer for five years, and was a manufacturer of grindstones in New York State

before coming to Wisconsin. Politically he was a Whig.

Mr. Lloyd W. Allen remained on the Wisconsin farm, receiving meanwhile his school education, until the opening of the war. November 19, 1863, he enlisted in Company I, in the Thirty-seventh Wisconsin Infantry, commanded by Colonel Herriman, and the company by Captain George A. Beck. (Companies H. and I were made recruits to an old regiment which had been at the front for some time.) Mr. Allen participated in engagements at Cold Harbor and Petersburg. Taken sick, he was confined first at the field hospital and then at Alexandria, Virginia, near Washington, and at length was transferred to the Haddington hospital at Philadelphia. Chronic disease seeming to be fastened upon him, he was honorably discharged from the service in July, 1865; but previously, while in the service, he held for a time a commission for recruiting. During his army life he also lost a toe, by an accident.

Returning to his Wisconsin home, he never recovered his health, and learned the carpenter's trade. He came to Wells in 1878, since which time this has been his home.

He was married October 29, 1862, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, to Miss Lury J. Hall, a lady of a good family and a popular school-teacher, born in Washington county, New York. Her father, Joseph N. Hall, son of Wanton T. Hall, and grandson of Elisha Hall, was a Revolutionary soldier, and her mother's maiden name was Polly Elsworth. She was the daughter of Noah Day, a Revolutionary soldier, and both were natives of New York State. Her mother died April 17, 1892, at the age of seventy-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Hall had five children, viz.: Jacob, Roswell, Albert, Lury J. (Mrs. Allen), and Noah. Mr. Hall came to Wells in 1880. In his political views he is a Democrat, and in religious principles he coincides with the Baptist Church; but his wife was reared a Congregationalist. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have seven children living,. namely: Joseph, Charles, Albert (a teacher of this county); Hugh, Wilbur, Lury and Maud; Frederick died at the age of two years.

Mr. Allen formerly voted as a Democrat, but is now a Republican. He is a member of Ransom Post, No. 165, G. A. R , of which he is at present the Commander, and his son, Albert, is also Commander of the Post of Sons of Veterans. Mrs. Allen was President of the Relief Corps for the year 1894. Mr. Allen is also a member of the society of Modern Woodmen of America, and of the Odd Fellows order.

CHARLES E. WOOD, Postmaster of Tenhassen, is a native of Roxbury, Massachusetts, and a son of John M. and Mary A. (Finch) Wood, natives of Nova Scotia. After marriage the parents located at Roxbury, Massachusetts, but in 1856 removed to Rice county, Minnesota, in 1886 located in Mankato, this State, and in 1889 went to Washington, where the father died in February, 1891. The mother still resides there. They had seven children, three now living,—Charles E., William H. and Albert E. Three of the sons served in the Civil war,—Charles E., John E. and William H. John E. died in the service and was buried at Fort Abercrombie.

Charles E. Wood, the subject of this sketch, came to Minnesota at the age of

fourteen years. In September, 1861, he enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company B, Third Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He was engaged in guard duty on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad until the spring of 1862, when he went to Nashville, serving as a guard for Andrew Johnson, Military Governor of Tennessee, and next was engaged in guard duty in Murfreesboro. Then, in July, 1862, the regiment was captured by Forrest, but afterward paroled and sent to Benton Barracks, and next came to Minnesota to fight the Indians, taking part in the battle of Wood Lake. The regiment next went south to Cairo, Illinois, thence to Columbus and Fort Hymen, Kentucky, took part in the siege of Vicksburg, and in the Little Rock expedition under Steele. Mr. Wood served as Provost Guard at the latter place. In the spring of 1864 he went to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, next returned home on veteran furlough, then went to Devall's Bluff, Arkansas, on detached service, and was discharged in September, 1865, having served as Orderly Sergeant one year. Mr. Wood was never absent from his regiment a single day during his four years' service.

After returning from the army he resumed farming, and in 1875 he located on an unimproved farm in Tenhassen township, Martin county, Minnesota. Five years ago he came to the village of Tenhassen. In his political relations Mr. Wood affiliates with the Republican party. He has held the positions of Supervisor, Justice of the Peace five years, Assessor ten years, Census Enumerator in 1890, and since 1890 has served as Postmaster. Socially, he has been a member of the G. A. R. for twenty-four years.

In June, 1866, Mr. Wood was united in marriage with Miss Hattie M. Ayres, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Almon P. Ayres. Her death occurred August 24, 1870, at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving one daughter, Bertha Mary, wife of A. S. Wiley, of Hamlin, Minnesota. They have two children. In October, 1873, Mr. Wood married Mary E. Graham, born in Wisconsin, September 3, 1856, a daughter of E. B. and Jane (Hoffman) Graham, who reside in Fairmont.

C. K. BAXTER, a grain-buyer of Wells, Minnesota, was born in the town of Ferrisburg, Addison county, Vermont, on the 15th of July, 1841, and traces his ancestry back in direct line to Dr. Richard Baxter, of England, the eminent divine and author of the celebrated religious work known as Baxter's "Saints' Rest." The paternal grandfather, Elihu B. Baxter, was also a native of the Green Mountain State, and during his active life preached the gospel, continuing the work of the ministry until advanced age caused his retirement. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and participated in the battle of Plattsburg. He died in Illinois, when past the age of eighty-five, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Clara Field, and came of an old New England family, was called to her final rest in 1859.

Their son, Benjamin S. Baxter, father of C. K., was born in Vermont in 1808, and in early life was educated for the ministry of the Congregational Church. During a long life he preached the gospel, and many were led to walk in the better way through his labors. The first forty years of his life were passed in the State of his nativity, and he then removed to northern New York, where

he continued until 1855, at which time he came to the West, settling first in St. Charles, Kane county, Illinois, where he remained for three years. In 1859 he went to La Crosse county, Wisconsin, and subsequently removed to Juneau county, that State. His ministry in Illinois and Wisconsin was in the cause of the Home Missionary Society, and he preached up to the time of his death, which occurred in Mauston, Wisconsin, in 1878. He had rounded the Psalmist's span of threescore years and ten, and death ended a long and useful career. Many lives were enriched through his influence, and the world is better for his having lived. His most estimable wife, who in her maidenhood was Sophia Strong, was born in Vermont, in 1806, and was a daughter of Moses Strong, a native of Scotland, who in early life crossed the briny deep to America and spent his remaining days in Vermont, reaching a ripe old age. Mrs. Baxter died in 1869, at the age of sixty-three. Nine children were born to Benjamin S. and Sophia (Strong) Baxter, five of whom are yet living, including the gentleman whose name heads this record. The others are Benjamin F., who is living in Bangor, Wisconsin; Laura M., wife of Charles Newton, also of Bangor; Emeline K., widow of George Barry, and a resident of Black River Falls, Wisconsin; and Mrs. Mary A. Filkins of Bangor.

C. K. Baxter was yet quite young when his parents removed to New York, and was a youth of fourteen at the time of his arrival in Illinois. Reared amid the frontier scenes of the West he imbibed much of its progressive and enterprising spirit, which, added to a self-reliance and sturdy perseverance, has made him a splendid business man. He gained a part of his education during his three years' residence in Illinois and completed it in Wisconsin, taking a high-school course.

He remained with his parents until after the breaking out of the late war, when his patriotic spirit would permit him no longer to remain contentedly at home, and he joined the Union army. In September, 1861, he donned the blue as a member of First Wisconsin Battery Light Artillery, serving as bugler for more than three years. His command went first to Kentucky, participated in the engagements at Cumberland Ford and Cumberland Gap, where their supplies were cut off, and they were obliged to fight their way through the Rebel lines to the Ohio. They next went on an expedition up the Big Kanawha valley in West Virginia, and on a raid to drive the Rebels out of the valley and destroy the Rebel salt works. Transported thence to Memphis, Tennessee, they then joined Sherman's army in the expedition against Vicksburg, going by way of Chickasaw Bayou. In this they failed. The next expedition in which they were successful was that against Arkansas Post, were they captured the fort and some seven thousand prisoners. The Mississippi campaign followed, and the First Wisconsin Battery took part in the battles of Port Gibson, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge and the siege of Vicksburg, in which Mr. Baxter was wounded. Later he participated in the battles of Jackson, the engagements lasting several days and ending in a Rebel defeat. Returning then to Vicksburg the command went thence to New Orleans, and in the following spring went up the Red river to Alexandria, where they were engaged in skirmishing. The First Wisconsin Battery formed a part of the rear guard in the retreat from Alexandria to the Mississippi, which was the last

active engagement of that campaign. Mr. Baxter was soon discharged, after three years and three months of active service, having passed through many vicissitudes in the field, and suffering untold hardships, the effects of which will remain with him through life. He was mustered out at Madison, Wisconsin, having come from New Orleans to New York with prisoners that had been taken at Mobile. Fidelity to duty characterized his military career, and the Union cause was ably supported by his loyal service.

Upon his return to civil pursuits Mr. Baxter began grain-buying in Bangor, Wisconsin, and later went to Trempealeau county, where for ten years he carried on farming. On the expiration of that period he removed to the city of La Crosse and worked in a grain elevator for several years. This brought him experience in that line of trade and well fitted him for carrying on operations on his own account along that line. In the autumn of 1883 he came to Wells, which has since been his place of abode, and here he manages the grain-buying business for the W. W. Cargill Company, of La Crosse.

Mr. Baxter has been twice married. In 1869 he was joined in wedlock with Jane Watson, of Trempealeau county, Wisconsin, daughter of David S. Watson. She died February 23, 1885, leaving an adopted daughter, Nellie. He was again married April 4, 1888, to Anna Robinson, a daughter of Nathaniel Robinson and a native of Onondaga county, New York. One child graces their home, named Alma R. Mr. Baxter has always been a Republican of pronounced views since attaining his majority, and is now serving as City Treasurer of Wells. He takes considerable interest in civic societies, and for many years has been a leading member of the Masonic fraternity, having been initiated into the mysteries of that order in 1868. He now belongs to Doric Lodge, No. 87, F. & A. M., of Wells, has filled nearly all its offices and is now serving his second term as Master. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is Past Master of the local lodge with which he is connected. A prominent and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, he is now serving as Elder. His life is in harmony with his profession, and he takes a deep interest in church and benevolent work and in everything that tends to promote the welfare of the human race. He is a man of such whole-souled geniality and so much real friendly interest in humanity that he attracts and gains the favorable opinion of all with whom he comes in contact. His public spirit has been many times demonstrated, and his interest in everything that pertains to the growth and welfare of his adopted city is deep and abiding.

DAVID SOPER, a farmer residing on section 30, Fox Lake township, Martin county, was born in Port Hope, Ontario, Canada, March 2, 1854, a son of David P. and Sophia (Smadus) Soper. The grandparents of the subject of this notice, Leonard and Mary Soper, were natives of Vermont, and after their marriage moved to Canada, where they passed the remainder of their lives. For twenty-five years Mr. Soper followed the occupation of sailor, his vessel plying between the ports on Lake Ontario. Their family numbered three children, viz.: Eunice; David P., and Hiram. David P.

Soper, father of our subject, was born at Prescott, Ontario, March 17, 1818, and like his father followed the occupation of sailor for several years. On the 5th of September, 1840, he was married, at Toronto, Ontario, to Sophia Smadus, who was born at Prescott, Ontario, July 20, 1820. Their family was as follows: Eliza Ann, who was born December 3, 1841, and is the wife of Harlan J. Farnsworth, of Fairmont, Minnesota; Philander W., born December 5, 1843, served as a soldier during the Civil war, in Company D, Second Minnesota Cavalry, and now lives in California; Leonard N., born September 24, 1845, served in the Tenth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, is deceased; Mary, born March 2, 1847, is also deceased; Dorothy A., born August 17, 1852, is the wife of Frank A. Trumble, of Fox Lake township, Martin county; David, of this sketch; Franklin L., born August 16, 1858, resides in Missouri; and Alfred F., born April 6, 1866, died in infancy. All the children were born in Port Hope, Ontario, except the two youngest, who were born in Fillmore county, Minnesota.

In the fall of 1855 Mr. Soper emigrated with his family to Fillmore county, Minnesota, and turned his attention to farming, remaining there until the spring of 1866, when he moved to Martin county, locating on the northeast quarter of section 6, Manyaska township. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Company H, in which he served for a time. After his return from the army he resumed farming in Martin county. Mrs. Soper died at her home in Manyaska township, July 15, 1870. Early in 1875 Mr. Soper sold out and moved to Winona county, where his death occurred in March of that year.

Of Mr. Soper's maternal grandparents he knows but little beyond the fact that his grandmother Smadus was twice married. Her first husband's name was Mitchell, by whom she had one child, Elsie. After the death of Mr. Mitchell she married Seth Smadus, and bore him three children,—Sophia, Dorothy and Samuel.

David Soper, whose name heads this mention, accompanied his father to Winona county, and after the death of the latter returned to Martin county, in 1876. He located a homestead of eighty acres,—the north half of the northeast quarter of section 32, Fox Lake township, and secured title to this tract January 10, 1885. In 1881 he took a tree claim of eighty acres, lot 1, section 30, Fox Lake township, and in 1884 and '5 planted his grove. He moved from his homestead to this tree claim in 1890 and still resides on it.

Mr. Soper was married May 21, 1887, to Esther Elizabeth Trumble. Her father, Harvey W. Trumble, was born April 11, 1840; and her mother, Esther A. Trumble, March 21, 1845. They reside on a farm in this county. Their children are: Frank A., born March 5, 1867; Esther Elizabeth, born May 21, 1869; George Samuel, August 12, 1871; William Riley, October 14, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Soper have two children: George Roy, born September 21, 1891; and Fred Franklin, September 10, 1894.

ORIN F. SOUTHWICK has been numbered among the prominent and honored citizens of Wells since June, 1870,—a leader in commercial circles, in church and temperance work, and a prominent factor in all that pertains to the welfare and advancement of

the community or tends to promote the general welfare. The talents of the successful business man must be varied. He must possess not only energy, perseverance and determination, but must also have the tact to meet all classes of people and please the various and varied tastes, which are always met in an extensive contact with the public.

A native of New York, Mr. Southwick was born in Mooers, Clinton county, October 13, 1831, and descends from good old Revolutionary stock and from sterling New England ancestry. Lawrence Southwick, the progenitor of the Southwick family in America, came to New England from Lancashire, England. The noble character of his wife Cassandra has been portrayed in one of Whittier's most beautiful poems, bearing her name. The grandfather of our subject, David Southwick, was a native of Williamstown, Massachusetts, and after the breaking out of the Revolution joined the Colonial army and aided in the struggle which brought liberty to the most glorious republic upon the face of the globe. He married Betsey Stacy, also a native of the Bay State, and in 1805 moved to Mooers, New York, where he followed agricultural pursuits.

Orin Southwick, their son, and the father of Orin F., was born in the Green Mountain State and was about sixteen years of age when his parents moved to Clinton county, New York. He received a good education engaged in mercantile pursuits and in the lumber business, in which his operations became extensive and were financially successful. When this country again entered into war with England, his spirit of patriotism was aroused, and he participated in the war of 1812. His long life was well spent, and he passed away at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He was married to Hannah Stone, whose father was one of the five young men that surveyed and platted the site where now stands the city of Ottawa, Ontario. She was a devoted wife and a much-loved mother, whose Christian character and high moral conceptions of noble womanhood were transmitted to her children. Of their family of twelve children, ten reached years of maturity, namely: Edward; O. F., whose name heads this record; David H., Horatio, William H., Elbridge; Marion, Titus, Pliny and Flora.

We take great pleasure in presenting to our readers the life record of Orin F. Southwick, knowing that it will prove of interest to many, as his circle of friends and acquaintances is so extensive in this part of the State. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and aided in the labors of clearing and improving the farm. He acquired a good education, his early training in the common schools being supplemented by study in the Champlain Academy and Fort Edward College. For some time afterward he successfully engaged in teaching, following that profession in Mooers and Champlain, and was a member of the first teachers' institute held in Clinton county, New York, also assisted in organizing the first teachers' association in that county, acting as one of the committee on organization. His first speculation, on an extensive scale, was in the purchase of corn by the car-load in Ogdensburg, New York, which he shipped to Centerville.

On the 9th of May, 1859, Mr. Southwick bade adieu to his home and friends and left his native town for the West. A visit with relatives in Wisconsin was his introduction to Western life and customs. Crossing the Mississippi for the first time at

Prairie du Chien, he then went by stage into Iowa and spent a few weeks at Burr Oak, engaging to teach the Burr Oak Institute, the school opening in the following September. Within his two weeks' stay there he secured a quantity of provisions and started across the almost untraveled country to Freeborn, Minnesota. This was really the beginning of his mercantile ventures. His only companion on this trip was the teamster he had hired to transport the provisions. The country was so wild and unsettled they were obliged to camp out nights and prepare their own meals. On the morning of June 8th he arrived at Freeborn and was joyfully received by his brother David. In the summer he pre-empted 160 acres of land, entering his claim at the land office in Chatfield, ninety miles distant. He was accompanied by Joel Southwick, and they went with teams and loaded back with merchandise. For some time he continued thus to deal, and found it a very profitable undertaking. He was joined in his business by his brother David, and thus was formed the firm of Southwick Brothers, which became prominently known throughout the southern part of the State. In the latter part of August, he returned to Burr Oak, Iowa, to meet his engagement with the institution at that place, and for two years he successfully presided over that school, and it was with reluctance that the trustees accepted his resignation, when he was re-called to Minnesota. During the summer of 1860 he was employed by the State Superintendent to conduct the first teachers' institute in Winnesheik county, Iowa.

In the spring of 1861 the mercantile business in Freeborn demanded his attention, and on the 3d of May he stepped from the stage at that place. The war was then in progress and the financial crisis was upon the country. The banks of Illinois and Wisconsin had many of them failed, and bank notes had depreciated forty per cent, but the credit of the Southwick Brothers was unlimited, and they were thus enabled to secure all the goods needed in spite of the money market. Business began to improve with increased immigration to this place, and money was accumulated which made the firm one of the most reliable and substantial concerns of southern Minnesota. All goods had to be hauled from the Mississippi river, a distance of ninety miles, and several teams were employed to take wheat, hides, etc., to Hastings, and to bring back the merchandise. The reservation of the Winnebago Indians was near by, and the Southwick Brothers received much of their trade, exchanging goods for furs and feathers. In connection with his other interests Mr. Southwick, of this sketch, who understood surveying, spent some time in surveying and platting roads and subdividing timber lots. He was also elected and served as County Superintendent of Schools of Freeborn county.

When the Southern Minnesota Railroad was built it passed about seven miles south of Freeborn, and in consequence the thriving little city dwindled and died. The firm of Southwick Brothers, on seeing the effect this would have on trade, then erected a large store at Wells and admitted to partnership two young men, Messrs. Huntley and Terhune, opening their new and extensive establishment on the 6th of June, 1870. The future seemed bright and business promised good, but in September David Southwick died, leaving the business in Wells and Freeborn under the exclusive management of O. F. Southwick. Not

long after the latter gentleman sold to his younger brothers, Titus and Pliny, the Free-born store, and bought out his partners in the Wells store, from which time he carried on operations alone, and in his undertakings met with marked success. The volume of his transactions often reached as high as $40,000 a year. In 1888 he sold out and retired from active commercial life. Since that time he has been engaged in real-estate, money-lending and insurance business. He has owned large tracts of rich farming land, carrying on agricultural pursuits on an extensive scale. He assisted in the organization of the First National Bank of Wells and the German American Bank. In both institutions he has held office, and at the present time is vice-president of the German American Bank of Wells, Minnesota.

In August, 1867, Mr. Southwick was united in marriage with Mary E. Benson, a lady of intellectual tastes and artistic pursuits, daughter of Rev. John Benson, a pioneer minister in Minnesota of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who preached the first sermon in Minneapolis. He was a zealous and efficient worker in the Lord's vineyard, and for over fifty years devoted his life to the work of the ministry. He married Margaret Moore, who still survives her husband and now resides in Minneapolis. She was the daughter of Goff Moore, who served as aide-de-camp to his father, Colonel Moore, who, at the fall of General Warren, at the battle of Bunker Hill, took the command of the Federal forces. Mrs. Benson is one of the few surviving daughters of the Revolution. The Benson family came to the West from Maine, and Mary E. was educated at Hamline University and subsequently engaged in teaching. Mr. Southwick, always a student, in later life graduated in the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. Both are scholarly people of literary tastes and attainments and have given to their children excellent educational advantages. They have four children: Gertrude, who graduated at Hamline University in the class of 1888, and is now the wife of J. F. Kingsland; Cladius, who graduated at the high school at the age of sixteen and at Hamline University in 1894, is now studying law and attending lectures in Minneapolis at the University of Minnesota; Marie F., who is a promising musician, pursuing a course in that art at Cornell College, Iowa; and O. F., Jr., a boy of twelve years, completes the family.

In politics Mr. Southwick is a Prohibitionist and has served as Mayor of Wells for two terms, the city prospering under his able administration. He was elected by the temperance and moral element of the town with which he has ever identified himself. He is one of the most prominent and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been a Trustee since its organization. For fifteen consecutive years he has served as Superintendent of the Sunday-school.

In every improvement of the public schools he has always been a leader, and has been a member of the School Board for the past fourteen years. Personally, Mr. Southwick is a man of commanding appearance. He is intelligent and affable, frank and genial. His name is untarnished by even the slightest reproach to his character, and his business career has been a clean record of honest and fair dealing. Unostentatious in his charities, Mr. Southwick has provided food and clothing for many poor families in Faribault county. Moved in compassion toward his unfortunate debtors,

many of their obligations he has canceled, and he is now rich in the love and gratitude of the people he has befriended.

ROBERT WILKINSON, a representative farmer of Nashville township and one of the early settlers of Martin county, was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 27th of April, 1829, and is a son of Robert and Mary (Briggs) Wilkinson, who were also natives of Yorkshire. In 1834 they crossed the briny deep to the New World, made their way to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and settled on a farm in Waukesha county, in 1837, where the father died, at the age of seventy-four, while his wife departed this life at the age of seventy-seven years. Eight of their twelve children grew to years of maturity and still survive.

The gentleman whose name heads this record is the oldest of the family, and was a child of five summers when with his parents he came to America. He remained at home with his parents until twenty-four years of age, then went to Missouri, where he spent a year, working as a farm hand by the month. Returning then to the Badger State, he was employed by his father for a year, when he removed to Adams county, Wisconsin, and took up land from the Government. There he improved a farm, keeping "bachelor's hall" until his marriage, on the 20th of November, 1855, the lady of his choice being Jerusha E. Steele, who was born in Oneida county, New York, August 19, 1838, a daughter of C. M. Steele, who was born either in Connecticut or New York. Her mother, whose maiden name was Helen R. Seaton, was a native of England and came to America when about twelve years of age. They became the parents of nine daughters and three sons, and Mrs. Wilkinson was also the eldest in her family. From the age of twelve she resided in Wisconsin, five years being passed in Dodge county, after which she removed to Adams county, where later she was married.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson located on a farm in Lincoln township, that county, which our subject managed until 1864,—the year of his removal to Martin county, Minnesota. Here he obtained a homestead claim, a wild tract of land on which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made. There were no trees upon the place, and the arduous task of developing and improving a new farm has all been performed by the owner. The land was plowed and planted, and he now has 300 acres in a good state of cultivation, while substantial buildings stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He is recognized as one of the prosperous as well as one of the most practical and progressive farmers and stock-raisers of Nashville township.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson had a family of six children: Charles W., who married Sarah M. Bowler and has seven children; Mary E., wife of Orin W. Bacon, of Nashville township, by whom she has three children; Ella E., wife of George W. Sprague, of Westford township, Martin county, and the mother of four children; Robert C., at home; Benjamin W., who married Estella M. Harris and has two children; and Edward H., who completes the family and aids in the cultivation of the home farm.

Mr. Wilkinson has long exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never been a politician in the sense

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of office-seeking. He holds membership in the United Brethren Church, has filled several of its offices, is a liberal contributor to its support and a most active and earnest worker in its interest.

JOHN C. PRATT, Probate Judge, Fairmont, Minnesota, was born in Montgomery county, New York, January 4, 1830, and when he was four years old the family moved to Cattaraugus county. His parents, Darius and Janet (Morrow) Pratt, were natives, respectively, of Massachusetts and Schoharie county, New York.

Darius Pratt was one of the pioneers of Cattaraugus county, New York, and on his frontier farm the subject of our sketch was reared, his educational advantages being limited to three months a year in the little log schoolhouse. Young Pratt remained with his parents until he was twenty-one, his time being chiefly occupied in chopping and logging. In 1864 he came West and took up his abode on a tract of new land in Vernon township, Blue Earth county, Minnesota, where he resided until 1878. He was there during the memorable "Indian scare" of 1864. In 1878 he removed to Martin county and settled on a farm in Rutland township, and until 1884 devoted his time and attention to its cultivation and improvement, this tract also being wild when he located upon it. Since 1884 he has resided in Fairmont.

Judge Pratt was married in 1850 to Lucinda Cox, a native of Cattaraugus county, New York, born January 31, 1833. She is a daughter of Eli and Sophia (Williams) Cox. Her father was a native of New York State, and her mother was born in Rutland, Vermont, and was a descendant of Roger Williams.

The Judge and his estimable wife are the parents of the following named children: Lella, wife of Rufus Cornish, has two children: Emmet, who married Millie De Witt, and has three children, resides in the State of Washington; Seward, who married Lu Bullard, has four children; Nelson, who married Edna Tanner, resides in the State of Washington; Minnie, wife of Barney Ritchie, has three children: Eli, and Marshall.

Fraternally Judge Pratt is identified with the blue lodge, F. & A. M., in which he has served as Junior Warden; and he is also a member of the Modern Woodmen, having an honorary membership in this organization. At the time he attained his majority his political views were those of the abolitionist. Afterward he was a Republican, later a Democrat, and now is an independent. He has all his life taken an active interest in political matters. For a number of years he held the office of Justice of the Peace. In 1886 he was elected Probate Judge, which office he has filled continuously since that date. Recently he was again re-elected, this time by the largest majority he has ever received, and this, too, in a county strongly Republican. He also retains the office of Justice of the Peace.

HENRY HOLMES FOWLER, a retired farmer now living on section 32, Westford township, Martin county, is one of the honored pioneers of this section of the State, his residence here covering a period of thirty-seven consecutive years, dating from 1857. He lived here when Indians were frequent vis-

itors in the neighborhood, when the few settlers were widely scattered, and when wild game, native to this section, was very abundant. The story of life on the frontier is one familiar to him, for he has passed through all the hardships and experiences peculiar to pioneer life. Now, in his declining days, he is resting after life's labors in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

In considering the life of this worthy man, we note first that he is a descendant from an old New England family that was founded in Connecticut during the early history of that colony. His father, Osmer Fowler, was a native of Durham, Middlesex county, that State, as was his mother, who bore the maiden name of Harriet Nettleton. Her father, Lyphus Nettleton, was also born in the Nutmeg State. The parents of our subject were reared, married and spent their entire lives in Durham, Middlesex county. The father's death occurred some ten years ago, but the mother is still living, at the advanced age of ninety years. Their family numbered ten children,—Henry Holmes, Mary, Nelson, Wedsworth and Wadsworth, twins, Osmer, Henrietta, Martha, and two now deceased. One of these, Charles, was a soldier in the Mexican war and died in the service. The family was also represented in the war of the Rebellion by four sons who wore the blue,—Wedsworth, Wadsworth, Nelson and Osmer.

H. H. Fowler was born in Durham, Middlesex county, Connecticut, April 14, 1827, and in the place of his nativity spent his childhood days. He learned the blacksmith's trade in his youth and followed it to some extent, but was a burnisher of silverware for fourteen years. He was the first silver burnisher in Meriden, Connecticut, and did a good business along that line.

Having arrived at years of maturity, Mr. Fowler chose as a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Adeline Parker, the marriage being celebrated on the 2d of November, 1852. The lady was born in Wallingford, Connecticut, July 13, 1827, and is a daughter of George and Thankful (Merwin) Parker, the former a native of Connecticut, and the latter of New York. They were married and always lived in Connecticut where the father carried on agricultural pursuits. The grandfather, Asa Parker, also spent his entire life in the same locality. The father of Mrs. Fowler was called to the home beyond in 1844, but her mother long survived him, departing this life in 1882. In their family were eight children, three of whom are yet living,—Mrs. Fowler, Harriet and George L. One son, James Parker, was a soldier in the Fifteenth Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers during the Civil war, was wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville and died of his injuries at Fortress Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler became the happy parents of seven children, but three have been called from this life. Those still living are Frankie, wife of Solomon Canright; Charles E., who married Alice Lattimer, and with his wife and two children resides in Winnebago City; Mary E., wife of David Sargent, by whom she has one child, their home being in Westford township; and George, who is the youngest living. One daughter, Abbie, became the wife of Henry H. Blenco, and died leaving one child.

Mr. Fowler came to the West in 1857 and located upon his present farm. He was joined the following year by his wife, who was the first woman to locate permanently in the county, and there were but two white men besides our subject. His

nearest neighbor was sixteen miles distant, and there were many Indians in the neighborhood, including Sioux and Winnebagoes. At one time he spent the night in Winnebago City, in a log house twelve feet square, where were entertained thirty people. Mr. Fowler pre-empted his claim, built a log cabin and commenced life on the frontier in true pioneer style. He was Corporal of a company at the time when the settlers had to band themselves together in military organizations for protection against the red men. For thirty-eight years he has lived upon his present farm, but his property today bears little resemblance to that which came into his possession so long ago. He now has 160 acres of very valuable land under a high state of cultivation and improved with good buildings and all other modern accessories which are found upon a model farm of the nineteenth century. He is now living retired, enjoying a well earned rest, and the competence which he has acquired through his own labors is amply sufficient for all his needs.

Mr. Fowler is a member of the Masonic fraternity and was formerly connected with the Grange. In his political connections he is a Republican and has been quite prominent in the local councils of his party. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Westford township and was the first County Commissioner of Martin county. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend, and he has done effective service in its interest, especially during his twenty-five years' service as School Director. The daughters have all taught school, and Mary for nine years successfully followed that profession. In early life he and his wife held membership in the Congregational Church, but now hold their membership in the Christian Church. Their home has often been used as a place of worship by different denominations, and they have ever been foremost in promoting all good works. Their earnest Christian lives, their loyalty and honor in all things have won them the deepest respect and confidence of all with whom they have been brought in contact, and the history of Martin county would be incomplete without the record of their lives.

FRANK T. BARBER, proprietor of Barber's Livery, Feed and Sale Barn at Heron Lake, has one of the most popular livery barns in Jackson county, keeping a good line of driving horses, speedy and safe,—both "single" and "double" drivers; also all sorts of vehicles, in the line of buggies, carriages and wagons. Special attention is paid to commercial travelers, and Mr. Barber is at the service of the patronizing public at all seasons of the year; and at night as well as day. He also has careful drivers, well acquainted with the country for many miles in every direction. As a liveryman no more popular one can be found in the State.

He was born in Saratoga county, New York, July 15, 1870. His father, Mr. C. Barber, was a well known and highly esteemed citizen of that county. He married Lydia Dodd, who died in 1880, leaving three children, viz.: Charles H., of Heron Lake; Frank T. and Harry.

Mr. Barber, the subject of this sketch, was brought up on the farm and educated in the public schools. Afterward for seven years he was employed by C. D. Sickler, a prominent importer of and dealer in blooded stock,—coach and Norman-Percheron

horses, Oxford sheep, etc. In 1892 he came to Heron Lake, where he is engaged as above described.

October 31, 1894, is the date of his marriage to Millie Humiston, a daughter of J. F. Humiston, who is a well-known business man of this place. He is a member of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 157, I. O. O. F., and Mrs. Barber belongs to the order of Daughters of Rebekah.

PHILLIP HARTMAN, a pioneer of 1856, was born in Stark county, Ohio, November 6, 1825, a son of James and Mary (Egler) Hartman, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and when Phillip was a young child his parents moved to Columbiana county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, and learned the shoemaker's trade in his father's shop. He worked for the farmers of the neighborhood during the summer months, and attended school in the winter. In the spring of 1853, at the age of twenty-eight years, he left his native State for Rock county, Wisconsin, where he worked on a farm during the summer, and in the following fall removed to Fayette county, Iowa. In the summer of 1856 he came to Faribault county, Minnesota, arriving in Winnebago City township on August 3, where he filed a claim under the pre-emption law on sections 10 and 15, but at the time of the Indian massacre of 1862 he sold his claim. Mr. Hartman then returned and spent the winter in Fayette county, Iowa, and in the spring of 1863, on his return to Winnebago City township, he purchased a claim to 160 acres on section 7, and during the first winter here worked a part of the time at his trade, having made the first pair of boots in this township. He is now practically retired from active labor.

Mr. Hartman has been three times married,—first January 11, 1849, in Ohio, to Miss Barbara Sanders, and they had one daughter, Mary, now the wife of Darius Douglas, of Kansas. Mrs. Hartman died June 19, 1852, and, in Fayette county, Iowa, our subject was united in marriage with Elizabeth Catherine Jamison. They had four children, viz.: Joseph J., a farmer of Nashville, Martin county, Minnesota; James J., engaged in the same occupation in the same county; Loren E., who farms the old homestead; and Susie, wife of Edward A. Perman, of St. Paul. The wife and mother departed this life April 3, 1877. December 31, 1881, Mr. Hartman married Matilda (Robins) Hill, a native of Granville county, Ontario, and widow of A. R. Hill. By her former marriage Mrs. Hartman had two daughters: Emily Clarinda, wife of Frederich J. Clark, of Rochester, New York; and Trissie A., who died March 18, 1882. The family are members of the United Brethren Church.

HON. JOHN P. BURKE, the present Representative from his district in the Minnesota Legislature and a retired merchant of Wells, has had an eventful life, and the record of his career should prove not only of interest but also of profit to the public if they will follow the obvious lessons it contains. From the age of seven he has practically been dependent upon his own efforts, and his success is the crown of labor.

Mr. Burke was born in New Jersey, near the city of Trenton, March 18, 1842, and is one of the five children of John and Ann

(Fay) Burke. In 1848, accompanied by their children, the parents removed to Wisconsin, which that year was admitted to the Union, and in the spring months located in Jefferson county, where in the month of June both parents died very suddenly of typhoid fever. Thus the family was broken up, the the children being bound out to service. John P., then only six years of age, went to live with James Rogan, of Watertown, the lighthouse-keeper of Milwaukee, with whom he remained one year; but, not satisfied with the treatment he received, he left Mr. Rogan and started out in life for himself. It was early for a boy to be thus thrown upon his own resources, being a lad of seven summers, but the sorrows and troubles of his young life made him old and self-reliant beyond his years. He left with only seventy-five cents in his pocket, and in company with another youth, somewhat older than himself, he went by steamer (as a stowaway) from Milwaukee to the city of Cleveland, Ohio. After passing through many vicissitudes and hardships and undergoing trials which would seem entirely too much for the average boy, he finally found a friend in D. A. Odell, of that city, who gave him food and shelter, found him occupation, and, having no sons of his own, took him to his home as his own boy. He was one of those broadminded, benevolent men who recognize the possibilities of good and can see admirable traits beneath a rough exterior. In every respect he treated young Burke as a son, clothed him, gave the best educational advantages which the city afforded and won the heartfelt gratitude of the young lad who will ever hold in grateful remembrance his benefactor.

Mr. Burke lived with Mr. Odell until he had attained his majority and then again started out for himself, returning to Wisconsin, but after a few months he was taken sick and made his way to Cleveland. In the fall of 1865, during the oil excitement, he went to Titusville, Pennsylvania. He was at Pithole when there was not a house there, but saw spring up a town of 1,000 inhabitants. He engaged in the livery business, but with the end of the boom his business had to be suspended, for the place became depopulated. He had thus far been in the East and in the great Mississippi valley, and now he made his way to the South, locating in New Orleans, where he intended starting in business, but his expectations there, not being realized, after a short stay in the Crescent City, he returned to Cleveland, Ohio. He made the journey by steamer between Evansville and Cairo, and the vessel on which he was a passenger was blown up and then sank, resulting in the death of fourteen persons, but Mr. Burke escaped by being drawn up through a window. Coming out of this disaster in a desolate condition, he worked his way back to Cleveland, and from that time until 1868 was there engaged in the livery business. In 1868 he went to Columbus, Wisconsin, where, for a year, he carried on a meat market, but was not satisfied there.

In June, 1869, Mr. Burke came to Minnesota. He met Colonel Thompson, the land-owner and railroad man, and at his request came to Wells, which at that time was just being platted. He began making brick here, but on account of a scarcity of wood for fuel, the venture proved a failure. The Wells Hotel was built that year, and in 1869 he accepted a position as its clerk, and a few years afterward he bought the property, after which he carried on the hotel business for five years, or until 1875, when he

sold out. His next venture was as a dealer in machinery, and this proved very profitable, he successfully carrying on operations along that line until 1892, when he sold out and retired on account of poor health. While out hunting, in 1870, he was accidentally shot, and, as a result, from that time the right arm was useless. This greatly incapacitated him from labor, but nevertheless he won a success which many an able-bodied man could not achieve.

Mr. Burke was married June 25, 1876, to Alice E. Andrews, daughter of Robert Andrews. In his social relations Mr. Burke is connected with Doric Lodge, No. 87, F. & A. M., has been a member of the fraternity twenty years, and is Past Master of the Lodge. He also belongs to Winnebago Chapter and is a member of Albert Lea Commandery. He belongs to Thompson Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Wells, and to the Odd Fellows society, in which he has taken all the degrees, having at one time been a member of the Grand Lodge. With the Order of Modern Woodmen he is also affiliated, and in these various societies he has the respect and confidence of all.

In politics Mr. Burke has always been a Republican and a stalwart advocate of the party principles, doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. In the Congressional convention of 1894 he was nominated for the position of Representative, and was elected to the Legislature by a handsome majority, although opposed by a strong Democratic nominee who also was the nominee of both the Prohibition and Populist parties. He is now serving with ability and fidelity, and in the General Assembly, as well as in the community where he resides, his sterling worth is recognized. He served as the first Town Clerk of Wells, was also Justice of the Peace, and has therefore been inseparably connected with municipal affairs. We marvel at the career of such a man as Mr. Burke, but prosperity has come to him as the result of intrinsic worth, earnest application, devotion to his works and straightforward, honorable dealing. Hardships and trials have been his lot; disaster has visited him; but over all obstacles he has triumphed, and "all is well."

SAMUEL LORING is numbered among the early settlers of Martin county, and has witnessed the greater part of its growth and development, while in the work of upbuilding and improvement he has ever borne his part. The record of his life is as follows:

Mr. Loring was born in York county, Maine, on the 21st of January, 1841, and on the paternal side is of English descent. His father, Rev. Joseph Loring, was born in Maine, in 1803, and devoted his life to the work of the Congregational ministry. For long years he continued his labors and passed to the reward prepared for the righteous at the advanced age of eighty-seven years and ten months. He married Susan K. Hancock, a native of New Hampshire, where her people had settled at a very early day. Her father, John Hancock, was born in the old Granite State, and was also of English descent. To Mr. and Mrs. Loring were born ten children, five sons and five daughters, seven of whom reached years of maturity.

The gentleman whose name heads this record was the second of the family. He was reared in the Pine Tree State until twenty-four years of age and acquired his

education in both the common and private schools. At length he determined to try his fortune in the West, and, bidding goodbye to home and friends in Maine, he came to Martin county, Minnesota, in 1865. In this locality he secured a farm, the same on which he now resides, and for six years he kept bachelor's hall. He then sought a companion and helpmeet on life's journey, and on the 25th of November, 1871, he was united in marriage with Angie Tuttle, a native of Winnebago county, Wisconsin, born May 11, 1852. Her parents were Milo and Mary A. (Hollis) Tuttle, the former a native of New York and the latter of Vermont. Emigrating westward they cast their lots with the early settlers of Winnebago county. In their family were eight children, the sixth in order of birth being Mrs. Loring, who was reared and educated in the place of her nativity and became a successful schoolteacher. She was thus employed in Winnebago county, and for five terms taught in Martin county. She is a most estimable lady, cultured and refined, and is a leader in the circle of society in which she moves. To Mr. and Mrs. Loring have been born six children: Minnie, who died at the age of seven months; Addie, Arthur, Bell, Anna and Ray.

Mr. Loring is now the owner of 240 acres of land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. The improvements which he has placed upon it are many and valuable, adding also to the attractive appearance of the place. He carries on general farming, stock-raising and dairy farming, and is doing a good business, his capable management and well directed enterprise bringing him a success of which he is highly deserving. His life has been a busy and useful one, yet he has found time to faithfully discharge his duties of citizenship. Since Abraham Lincoln upheld the banner of Republicanism, he has been one of the members of the party and is a stanch advocate of its principles. He has been honored with most of the township offices, including that of chairman of the Town Board of Supervisors. He was for two years Justice of the Peace, and for many years has served as Town Treasurer. He has also acted as School Clerk and Treasurer, and his fidelity to duty is broadly recognized. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, his membership being with Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M.

ISAAC NEWTON STONE, who is successfully and extensively engaged in farming in Martin county, claims New York as the State of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Lewis county on the 29th of May, 1835. The Stones were farming people, and the family was probably established in the United States by emigrants from Canada. The parents of our subject were Curtis and Alida (Vannorman) Stone. The maternal grandfather, John Vannorman, died during the early childhood of I. N. Stone, at the very advanced age of ninety years. He belonged to an old Mohawk Dutch family, and throughout his life carried on agricultural pursuits. His children were William, Andrew, Isaac, Mrs. Stone, and Betsy, wife of Nicholis Rosell.

The family of the paternal grandparents of our subject numbered three sons, of whom we have the following record: Seth and Basell, who carried on farming in the town of Watson, Lewis county, New York,

and William, who lived for a time in Leyden township, that county, but later removed to Iowa. The third brother, Curtis Stone, passed the greater part of his life in Lewis county, and to farming devoted his time and energies, living a quiet, unassuming but honorable life. He was twice married, and the children by his first wife were as follows: Aaron, Herman, James, Jason, Curtis, Betsey, Olive and Henry, the last mentioned of whom died at the age of twenty-eight years. Herman and Jason both became residents of Ohio and are now deceased. The children of the second marriage are Maria, now the wife of Henry Woodcock, a farmer residing in Cherokee county, Iowa; Isaac Newton, of this review; Emeline, widow of John Seckner and a resident of Cherokee county, Iowa; Catherine, wife of James Farr, deceased, also a resident of Cherokee county; and Clinton, who carries on farming in Otsego county, New York.

In the East Mr. Stone was reared to manhood and the common schools of his native county afforded him his educational privileges, but he believed the new and more rapidly growing West furnished better opportunities to ambitious young men who had their own way to make in the world; and accordingly he severed all relations with his native State and removed to Wisconsin. This was in 1856, and he took up his residence in Dodge county, purchasing 160 acres of land on section 8, Colmers township, which he at once began to clear and improve. To its further development he gave his time until 1866, when, with a company numbering nine families, he drove to Martin county, Minnesota. He sold his farm in Wisconsin and reached his destination on the 1st of June, since which time he has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of this locality.

Ere leaving the Badger State he took one of the most important steps in his life. On the 5th of May he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ann Smith, and two days later they started on their wedding journey, which consisted of the before-mentioned trip to Martin county. The lady is a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Young) Smith, and her brothers are George Pittman and John Osborn. Her father was twice married, and her mother was three times married. Mrs. Stone was born on the 31st of January, 1844, and by her marriage became the mother of the following children: Eolah Drucilla, the eldest, was born July 1, 1868, and is now the wife of David Shields, a blacksmith of Des Moines, Iowa, by whom she has two children: Frederick Curtis, born July 28, 1872, married Carrie Chafy and now devotes his time to agricultural pursuits; Eveline Elizabeth, born April 2, 1870, died on the 3d of June, 1871; Forest Newton, born August 28, 1876, is at home; Clyde Clinton, born April 11, 1881, completes the family.

On coming to Martin county Mr. Stone purchased a quarter section of land in Rutland township. He has since made additional purchases, and at this writing is the owner of 400 acres, 320 acres lying in Rutland township, the remaining eighty acres in Center Creek township. He operates the entire amount himself and the greater part, under a high state of cultivation, is now yielding to him a golden tribute in return for the care and labor he bestows upon it. The buildings are such as are found on a model farm of the nineteenth century, and in addition he owns some good property in Grenada, including two store buildings and

a dwelling. In 1861 he enlisted in Company B, Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for the three-months service, and was discharged July 25, 1861.

In his political views he is a Republican. He has held the office of Supervisor in Rutland township for about twenty years and has served as Postmaster at Rutland from December 15, 1874, for fifteen years. Socially he is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge of Fairmont. In all the relations of life Mr. Stone is ever honorable and upright, true to the trust reposed in him, and withal a courteous gentleman. He has been the architect of his own fortunes and has builded wisely and well, rearing a structure that indicates diligence and perseverance, enterprise and energy. He is known throughout Martin county as one of its leading agriculturists and is a valued citizen.

TO. ALLEN, now living on section 9, Winnebago township, is numbered among the pioneer settlers of Faribault county. Few indeed have longer resided within its borders, his residence dating from 1856 and therefore covering a period of nearly forty years. He has seen it in the days of its infancy, when the greater part of the land was still in possession of the Government, when the settlers were few and far between, when the sites of now thriving towns and villages were unmarked perhaps with even a single dwelling. In the work of development and progress he has ever borne his part, shirking no duty and cheerfully giving his support to all interests calculated to promote the general welfare. He has seen the wild prairies transformed into beautiful homes and farms, and dotted here and there with churches and schools, showing an advanced civilization. Settlements have grown into thriving towns with industries and enterprises, all indicating a progressive spirit until Faribault county now takes a foremost place in the State.

The honored pioneer whose name heads this record was born in Java, Wyoming county, New York, on the 24th of January, 1832, descending from an old New England family. His paternal grandfather, Judah Allen, was born in Vermont, served as a soldier in the war of 1812 and married a Miss Brown, who also was born in the Green Mountain State. Among their children was Abram Allen, father of our subject, and the place of his nativity is in Rutland county, Vermont. He was reared there, and after he had attained to years of maturity he wedded Miss Mahala Eastman, who was born in New York and engaged in teaching school in Attica, that State, where among her pupils was Millard Fillmore, afterward President of the United States. Her father, Dr. Tilton Eastman, also claimed Vermont as the State of his nativity and was a soldier of the war of 1812, participating in the battle of Buffalo, New York. The parents of our subject were married in New York, and in 1837 removed to Canada, where they resided for sixteen years. In 1853 they removed to Chickasaw county, Iowa, settling on a farm on the bank of Cedar river, and there they made their home during their remaining days. The mother died in the Hawkeye State, and the father died while visiting our subject in Minnesota at the age of sixty-four. Throughout his entire life he followed the occupation of farming. In his political views he was a Democrat, and in religious belief was a Baptist.

It is to such men as the gentleman whose name heads this review that a county owes its welfare and prosperity, men who in the legitimate channels of business follow their chosen calling, true to the best manhood and to their duties of citizenship. T. O. Allen was reared in Canada from the age of five years, and obtained his educational training in its public schools. At the age of twenty-one he became a resident of Iowa, and the following year came to Minnesota, locating in Steele county, where he made his home for one year. In 1856 he settled in Blue Earth county, where he secured a claim on section 27, Shelby township, comprising 160 acres of land that had never been placed under the plow, being still in its primitive condition. He began its development, and in course of time it became a well-cultivated tract. Removing to the village of Shelby, Mr. Allen was identified with its business interests for a number of years. He built a hotel and store, also erected a sawmill and extensively carried on operations along that line for ten years. He then crossed the river and located upon a farm which he cultivated and improved for seven years, at the end of which time he traded that property for the Woodland Mills, which he operated for three years. He then again traded his property, and by the transaction became the owner of the farm which is now his place of abode. His home is a pleasant residence, and in the rear of the house stands good barns and sheds for the shelter of grain and stock. The fields are green with cereals adapted to this climate, while in addition to general farming the owner is successfully engaged in stock-raising, making a specialty of the breeding of Norman horses and a fine grade of cattle. An air of neatness and thrift pervades this place and indicates the careful supervision of a progressive owner. In 1891 he purchased a half interest in a mill in connection with T. L. Roger, a practical and successful miller. The mill was rebuilt, supplied with the latest roller process, and has a capacity of fifty barrels of flour per day. The industry is now on a paying basis and adds materially to the income of the owner.

In 1855, in Chickasaw county, Iowa, was celebrated a marriage which united the destinies of Mr. Allen and Miss Rhoba Fay, a native of Wyoming county, New York, and a daughter of Silas Fay. Their union is blessed with the following children: Silas; Kate Curtis; Charles, at home; Merritt, who is living in Faribault county; and Harry, who is still with his parents. They also lost four children: Alice, who died in infancy; Hattie, who died in 1892, at the age of thirty years; Orlo, who died at the age of thirteen; and William, who died at the age of twenty-four. The mother of this family has also departed this life, having been called to her final rest on the 9th of January, 1888. The children were all provided with good advantages, and Silas, Hattie and Merritt all engaged in school-teaching, while Kate was an accomplished teacher of music.

Mr. Allen exercises his right of franchise in support of Republican principles, and is connected with the Masonic lodge of Winnebago City. By reading and observation he has become a well-informed man, and is devoted to the best interests of the community in which he has made his home. His many excellencies of character are indicated by the high regard in which he is held by all who know him. In his business relations he has ever been upright and honorable, and his sagacity, farsightedness and

capable management have brought him a just reward for his labors in the shape of a handsome competence.

LEWIS A. HILL, one of the representative farmers of Verona township, Faribault county, Minnesota, dates his birth in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, September 8, 1858. His father, Felix Hill, a native of New York, was for many years an honored citizen of Faribault county. He died in 1887. The mother, who before her marriage was Miss Julia Ann Hoover, was also a native of the Empire State. She is still living at the old home place in Verona township. They had a family of eight children, namely: Ira C., of Bossko, South Dakota; James F.; Libby Parks, of Martin county, Minnesota; Orpha Hall, wife of E. G. Hall, of Verona township; Lewis A., whose name heads this article; Josephine Colton, of Martin county; William Henry, of Huntley, Minnesota; and Charles M., of Mankato, Minnesota.

Lewis A. Hill was reared on his father's farm in Verona township. Early in life he had instilled into him those principles of honesty, industry and perseverance which have formed the foundation of his success. His education was limited to the district schools of his vicinity. In 1884 he bought eighty acres of land on section 16, two years later purchased an additional eighty, then all unimproved, and he now has one of the best farms in Verona township. Among the improvements on his place we mention his comfortable cottage home, nice barn and other farm buildings, modern windmill, good fences, six-acre grove, etc.; and he also keeps a good grade of horses, cattle and hogs.

Mr. Hill was married in 1882, to Miss Laura A. McCall, a teacher of Martin county, and a daughter of Martin and Florence McCall. She died in July, 1890, leaving four children,—Edna M., Gracie, Martin J. and Laura Hope. Mrs. Laura Hill was a most estimable woman, educated and refined, and a true Christian. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church. In March, 1893, Mr. Hill married Miss Lura Fancher, daughter of A. N. Fancher, of Martin county. They have one child, Fenton.

Mr. Hill is a man of the highest integrity, and his influence is ever directed toward the advancement of good morals, education, temperance and religion. He acts with the Prohibition party, is a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W., and both he and his wife belong to the Freewill Baptist Church and are active Sabbath-school workers.

EMANUEL BEARDSLEY HUTCHINSON ranks among the foremost merchants of Jackson, Minnesota. The enterprising business interests are the elements of the advance of a community,—the cause of its prosperity; and the men who control these interests therefore deserve all credit for the advancement, progress and prosperity of the section with which they are connected. Mr. Hutchinson is engaged in the clothing business and has a well conducted establishment, which receives a liberal patronage from the citizens of Jackson and the surrounding country.

The life record of this worthy gentleman is as follows: A native of New York, he was born in Malone on the 7th of May, 1849, and is a son of Jehiel Beardsley and Maria (Finney) Hutchinson. The family is

of English lineage and was founded in America by the great-great-grandfather of our subject. The great-grandfather, David Hutchinson, was born in the United States, and the grandfather, Daniel Hutchinson, was a native of New Hampshire. By occupation he was a farmer and in early life he removed to Essex county, New York, where he followed that calling. There he married Matilda Beardsley and to them were born the following children: Daniel, Jehiel, Moses, Cyrus, Matilda, Keziah and Sabra. The father of this family served in the war of 1812. Manuel Beardsley married the daughter of the grandmother of our subject, who was the first white child born on Au Sable river, New York, and was of Welsh descent.

The father of our subject, J. B. Hutchinson, was born in Essex county, New York, on the 14th of August, 1819, and at the age of twenty-one married Maria Finney, daughter of Neuman Finney, who was born in Vermont and removed thence to Franklin county, New York. There he married Betsey DeWitt, and throughout his remaining days carried on farming in that locality. To this worthy couple were born the following children: George, Maria, Philena, Eliza and William. The father of this family was also one of the defenders of the country in the war of 1812. Mrs. Hutchinson was born in Franklin county, New York, on the 14th of May, 1818, and was a most estimable lady devoted to her family and their welfare. In his early manhood Mr. J. B. Hutchinson erected a sawmill in Essex county, New York, but subsequently turned his attention to the tilling of the soil. In 1856 he left his home in the East, and with his family emigrated to Minnesota, settling in Fillmore county, pre-empting in Bloomfield township 160 acres of land. It was a wild tract, on which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made, but with characteristic energy he began its development and soon had a fine farm in a high state of cultivation. In 1883 he removed to Osborn county, Kansas, where he made his home until 1891, when he came to Jackson,—his present place of abode. On the 18th of March of that year he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who had ever been to him a faithful companion and helpmeet. Their family numbered three children, viz.: Newman, who was born April 8, 1847, made farming his life work and died in Kansas in 1890; Manuel B., the next younger; and Cyrus, who completes the family, was born April 4, 1852, and is a stockman living near Castle Rock, Colorado.

Mr. Hutchinson, the popular clothier of Jackson, spent the first seven years of his life in the State of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Minnesota, where he passed the remainder of his minority in a manner not unlike that of other farmer lads. To his father he gave the benefit of his services until twenty-two years of age, when he started out on his first independent effort. He began farming and stock-raising on his own account and continued that pursuit until 1884. On the 10th of September, 1887, he came to Jackson and formed a partnership with J. S. Lee of Spring Valley in the clothing business. In 1888 he bought out Mr. Lee's interest and largely increased the stock to meet the growing demand. In 1890 he admitted George Burnham to a partnership in the business, and in 1892 the new firm erected a fine brick store building which they now occupy. The business is con-

ducted under the style of Hutchinson & Burnham, and the establishment is called the Boston Store. They deal in clothing, gents' furnishing goods, boots and shoes, and carry a fine and fashionable stock. From the beginning their trade has constantly increased, and they now do a large business, while among the leading merchants of the city they are numbered.

On the 25th of December, 1873, Mr. Hutchinson was united in marriage with Miss Alice Jane Griffin, daughter of D. B. and Minerva Griffin. She was born February 27, 1854, and is a cultured lady who presides with grace over her pleasant home and makes it noted for its hospitality. Mr. Hutchinson finds time to faithfully discharge his duties of citizenship and has served his fellow townsmen as Mayor of Jackson and in other public capacities, where his deep and abiding interest in the public welfare was manifest by his faithful performance of duty. He votes with the Republican party and socially is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic order, being now Secretary of Good Faith Lodge, No. 90, in Jackson, of the latter society.

CHRISTIAN J. WEBER, a farmer of Faribault county, was born at Kirchberg, dukedom of Brunswick, Germany, February 2, 1843, a son of Henry and Hannah (Schnacker) Weber. The father, also a native of Germany, followed the tailor's trade the most of his life.

In 1850 the family came to the United States, sailing from Bremen to New Orleans, having been twelve weeks on the sea, and then went by boat to Evansville, Indiana. In 1852 they removed to Fayette county, Iowa, and in 1856 located in Emerald township, Faribault county, Minnesota. The father died here, at the age of sixty-six years, and the mother three years later, at the same age. They were the parents of eight children: Christian J.; Henry C.; Fred; Louisa; William; Minnie; Christiana, and Theodore.

Christian J., the subject of this sketch, started out in life for himself in 1859, at the age of fourteen years, going first to St. Louis, Missouri, and afterward to Evansville, Indiana, where he remained until the opening of the late war. He then enlisted in the Forty-second Indiana Infantry, and took part in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Perryville, Nashville, Donelson, Atlanta and Goldsboro. He was discharged, in Louisville, Kentucky, as Second Lieutenant.

After returning from the war Mr. Weber resided in Louisville, Kentucky, until 1871, and was there married to Miss Katie Lochner May 18, 1871, and removed within the same year to his present homestead, in Faribault county,—on his farm of 120 acres. Here his wife died, on the 24th of March, 1880, leaving two children: Susan, born May 30, 1872; and Herman, born May 1, 1878. Mr. Weber was married to his present wife, *nee* Augusta Klingbeil, April 19, 1882, whose daughter, Emma, was born October 11, 1881. The offspring of this second marriage has been eight children, namely: Lena A., born October 21, 1883; George F., born August 23, 1885, Esther A., born November 23, 1886; Silas, born February 17, 1888; Ervin, born November 24, 1889; Harry, born December 21, 1890; Florence Ida, born March 15, 1893; and Edna May, born July 11, 1894.

Mr. Weber votes with the Democratic party, and has served as Supervisor of his township.

WILLIAM B. PALMER is one of the enterprising and progressive young business men of Winnebago, and is connected with a leading industry of the county, being the senior member of the firm of Palmer & Rollins, proprietors of the Winnebago City Foundry. They make a specialty of repairing engines, boilers, farm machinery, etc., and deal in engines and separators, and keep a good stock of pumps, gas pipe and fittings and machinists' supplies. They occupy a building 50 x 150 feet, and the enterprise was established in 1891. They do all kinds of moulding in iron and brass, employ experienced moulders and machinists, and the work turned out from each department is first-class. The business has constantly increased in importance and volume, and the sales amount to $5,000 annually.

Mr. Palmer is a Western man. He was born in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, August 3, 1865, and is a son of Thomas J. Palmer, a native of England, who, when a young man, came to America, the date of his emigration being 1842. He located in the Badger State, then a Territory, and wedded Mary E. Gray, a native of Vermont. They became the parents of three children, William B., Alice F. and Mark C. The last two are now in Waukesha county, Wisconsin. The father is a farmer and fine-stock raiser, and is a successful business man. His wife is a cultured, refined lady.

We now take up the personal history of William B. Palmer, the popular and leading young foundryman of Winnebago City. He was reared upon a farm, and early became familiar with the duties of farm life in all departments. His early education, acquired in the district schools, was supplemented by study in Carroll College of Waukesha, Wisconsin, and he thereby acquired a good practical knowledge, which has been of much benefit to him in his business career. He came to Winnebago City in 1887, and has since been identified with all the interests of the place that are calculated to prove of public benefit.

On the 25th of December, 1891, in Faribault county, Mr. Palmer led to the marriage altar Miss Rose Poole, who had previously been a teacher in the public schools of this locality, and her ability was widely recognized. She is a daughter of S. A. Poole, a prominent citizen of this county, who came here from New York in 1859 and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers. His father, Zenus Poole, was a native of Massachusetts. The former was reared in Geauga county, Ohio, and married Elizabeth Cornell, a native of Lake county, Ohio, and a daughter of Chauncey Cornell, of Connecticut. Their union was blessed with a family of four sons and one daughter, namely: Chauncey, Mrs. Palmer, Z. A., of South Dakota, Merton and Harry W. One son graces the union of our subject and his estimable wife, Anson P., who was born on the 3d of June, 1893. Mrs. Palmer, educated at the Mankato Normal School, is a cultured and educated lady who presides with grace over their pleasant home, and Mr. Palmer ably seconds her efforts in making their residence the abode of hospitality, and all who know her esteem her highly. Both Mr. and Mrs. Palmer are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Palmer

has supported the men and measures of the Republican party. His upright life has won him universal confidence, and his sterling worth has gained him the respect of all. He is pleasant and genial in manner and very popular in business and social circles. His business ability is of a high order, and he ably manages the concern with which he is connected until it has become a paying investment and one of the leading industries of Winnebago City.

FREDERICK JENNINGS, an honored veteran of the late war and a loyal citizen in times of peace, is now residing on section 1, Jo Daviess township, Faribault county, where he is successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising. Throughout his community he has a wide acquaintance, who esteem him highly, and we therefore feel assured that the record of his life will prove of interest to many of our readers.

Numbered among the native sons of the Green Mountain State, he was born in Addison county, Vermont, July 5, 1845, and on the paternal side is of English descent, while on the maternal side he is of Welsh lineage. His father, Lothrop Jennings, was born in northern Vermont about 1806, and in early life worked in a saw-mill, being employed along that line some years. He also followed farming for a part of the time among the rocks and hills of his native State. There he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Thomas, a native of Salisbury, Vermont, whose family for some generations had lived in New England. Five children were born of this union, as follows: Matilda, wife of Francis Carey, a leading farmer of Blue Earth City township, Faribault county, Minnesota; Austin, who is also living in that township; Adeliza, wife of Jacob Jackson, a resident of Blue Earth City; Jefferson, who is located in Tulare county, California; and Frederick, whose name introduces this review. Lothrop Jennings continued his residence in Vermont until 1854, when he came to Wisconsin, locating in Columbia county, where he remained until 1869, which year witnessed his arrival in Faribault county. He settled in Jo Daviess township with his son Frederick, and here he spent the last years of his life. His pilgrimage on earth was ended in 1886, and after a long and useful life of eighty years passed peacefully away.

Frederick Jennings lived in the State of his nativity until ten years of age; and then accompanied his parents on their emigration westward. He lived in Wisconsin until twenty-two years of age and was reared amid the wild scenes the frontier, becoming familiar with the arduous task of developing a new farm and also undergoing the hardships of pioneer life. He began his education in the common schools of the East and afterward attended Ripon College in Green Lake county, Wisconsin. Work and study, however, were put aside in February, 1864, for he felt that the country needed his services and offered his aid to the Government, enlisting as a member of Company H, Thirty-sixth Wisconsin Infantry. He went then to Washington and saw his first active service at Spottsylvania. He afterward participated in the battles of North Ann river, Cold Harbor, the Wilderness and the siege at Petersburg, and at the last named place was wounded, on the 18th of June, 1864. He was then taken to Harewood Hospital at Washington, where he remained for five

months. As soon as his health permitted he hastened to rejoin his regiment before Petersburg, and was with the command until the cessation of hostilities. When the preservation of the Union was an assured fact, with the victorious army he went to Washington and participated in the Grand Review, where "wave after wave of bayonet-crested blue" passed by the stand on which stood the president to see the brave troops who had been the nation's salvation in the time of her most deadly peril.

Mr. Jennings received an honorable discharge at Madison, July 16, 1865, and at once returned to his Wisconsin home. In 1867 he came to Minnesota and purchased the farm on which he now resides. Returning to the Badger State he continued there until the spring of 1869, when he made a permanent location in Faribault county.

On the 18th of January, 1870, Mr. Jennings led to the marriage altar Miss Amelia Kelley, daughter of J. W. Kelley and a native of New York, where for many generations her people had resided. In their pleasant and happy home are three children,—two sons and a daughter: Herbert L., Mabel C. and Arthur G.

When Mr. Jennings first came to Faribault county he purchased eighty acres of land, and with characteristic energy he began placing it under the plow, transforming the once wild tract into rich and fertile fields, which in the summer time resembled the billowy green sea. As his financial resources have increased he has extended the boundaries of his farm until he now has a valuable property of 240 acres, and in addition to the raising of grain he also carries on stock-raising and is doing an extensive business along that line. He devotes himself untiringly to this work, yet finds time to aid in the upbuilding of the county and the promotion of its best interests, having its welfare at heart. He has served his township as Supervisor, and for one term was chairman of the Board. He is a pronounced Republican in his political views and fearless in the advocacy of his principles, yet accords to others the equal right of opinion and of advancing their views. Socially he is connected with Sully Post, No. 10, G. A. R., is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is also a zealous member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Jennings is one of the representative men of his adopted county, as highly respected as he is widely known. He was a valiant soldier, a capable officer, a straightforward business man, and above all a gentleman in the truest and best sense of that term.

STEPHEN DECATUR ROBERTS, a veterinary surgeon and proprietor of a livery and feed stable at Winnebago City, was born in Pilot Grove township, Hancock county, Illinois, March 22, 1852, a son of A. D. and Eliza (Huckins) Roberts, natives respectively of Vermont and New Hampshire. They located in Minnesota in 1856, where the father followed farming. In 1875 he engaged in the same vocation in Blue Earth county, and afterward removed to South Dakota, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom are now living.

S. D. Roberts, the subject of this sketch, was reared to farm life, which has been his chief occupation until recently, and he yet owns 160 acres of land in Winnebago City township, Faribault county. He has al-

John Schrooten.

ways shown a fondness for horses, having made the horse and his diseases almost a life-long study, and for the past ten years has devoted much time to the practice of veterinary surgery. He is regarded as skillful in diagnosing and treating the diseases of horses, and enjoys a lucrative practice. In 1890 Mr. Roberts located in Winnebago City, where he has a pleasant home.

October 30, 1878, he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Hill, a daughter of Samuel and Eliza Hill. To this union have been born three children,—Inez Florence, Zada Lenora and Merrill Deloss. Mr. Roberts supports the Republican party, and is a member of the I. O. O. F., Winnebago City Lodge, No. 30, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN SCHROOTEN, who follows farming on section 34, Waverly township, Martin county, is a Western-born man, and has spent his entire life in the Mississippi valley. He was born on the 9th of April, 1850, in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and is of German descent, his father having been a native of Rheinhausen, Prussia, born in 1822. His mother, who in her maidenhood was Elizabeth Behrens, was born in the same locality, in 1827. Their marriage was celebrated in Prussia in 1848, and in the same year they started for the New World, crossing the briny deep in a sailing vessel. They became pioneer settlers of Dodge county, Wisconsin, and the father secured an unimproved tract of land which he cleared and cultivated until he had transformed it into rich and fertile fields, although at the time of his purchase it was covered with a heavy growth of timber. In 1860 he removed with his family to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and again settled upon a new farm, which he made his home throughout his remaining days. He was a typical pioneer, and possessed those sterling qualities which won him the high regard of all with whom he was brought in contact. His death occurred in 1892, and his wife, who survived him about two years, passed away in 1894.

The family of Henry and Elizabeth Schrooten numbered fourteen children, nine of whom grew to maturity, while eight are yet living, namely: John, of this sketch, Herman, Henry, Arnold, Gertrude, Elizabeth, Peter and Jacob. One sister, Annie, became the wife of Conrad Herbel, and died leaving two children.

Upon his father's farm John Schrooten was reared to manhood, remaining with his parents until thirty-six years of age. He lived amid the wild scenes of the frontier, and with the family shared in the experiences and hardships peculiar to pioneer life. He obtained his education in a log schoolhouse seated with rude benches and heated by an immense fireplace, the smoke issuing up through a mud-and-stick chimney. Although the advantages could not compare favorably with those afforded to-day, yet he there laid the foundation for a useful, practical knowledge, which he has gained in the school of experience.

In the year 1886 Mr. Schrooten was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Voss, a native of New York city, born on the 22d of March, 1856, and removing to Martin county they located on the farm which is now their home. Their union has been blessed with four children, but two of the number are

now deceased. Those who still survive are Henry and Gertrude.

For ten years before leaving the Badger State our subject was engaged in the operation of a cheese factory on his father's farm, and the enterprise proved a profitable one, yielding him a good income. Since his arrival in Minnesota he has devoted his energies exclusively to agricultural pursuits, and is now the owner of 280 acres of arable land, all of which has been placed under the plow with the exception of a twenty-acre tract. He has built upon the place a substantial and comfortable residence and also barns and other buildings, that are models of neatness and convenience. The pleasant home is surrounded by green fields of grain, and the passer by reads, in the neat appearance of everything, the story of the owner's careful supervision. In connection with his other interests he is a director in the Farmers' Elevator Company of Fairmont.

Mr. Schrooten is a member of the German Evangelical Church and is president of Freedom Congregation of Fraser township. Socially he affiliates with the Modern Woodmen lodge of Fairmont. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy, and has held a number of local offices. He is now Treasurer of school district No. 54, of Waverly, is chairman of the town Board of Supervisors, a position which he has filled for six years, and the same office he filled when in Wisconsin. In 1892 he was elected County Commissioner of Martin county, and in the spring of 1894 he was elected as chairman of the County Board, in which position he is now serving with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He is ever true to a trust reposed in him, whether public or private, and whether upon the farm or in office he is the same honorable, straightforward man that has won by his well spent life the esteem of the entire community.

DAVID GRICE is one of the first settlers of Easton and has been prominently connected with its business interests from the establishment of the town. The prosperity and progress of this place is largely due to his efforts in its behalf, and therefore the record of Easton would be incomplete without mention of Mr. Grice.

He was born in Montgomeryshire, England, on the 27th of September, 1845, and is the second in a family of eight children, seven sons and a daughter. Those still living are as follows: Joseph, who is still living in Montgomeryshire, where he is engaged in business as a stone-mason; David, of this sketch; John, who emigrated to America some years since and is now engaged in harness-making in Winnipeg, Canada; and Mary, wife of William White, who is still living in Montgomeryshire. The father of this family was born in Wales, and came from ancestors who for many generations had lived in that country. His father, Joseph Grice, was also a native of that country, and was engaged in woodwork, making spokes with a lathe which at that period of Welsh history was the only way of finishing spokes for the market. His death occurred when about sixty years of age, and his wife, also a native of Wales, reached an advanced age. The father of David Grice removed in an early part of the present century to Montgomeryshire, England, and, having learned the milling trade in his youth, operated a gristmill there for some time. He, too, never crossed the

water, and departed this life at the age of seventy. He married Margaret Ellis, who was born in Wales and died in the seventy-sixth year of her age.

The common schools afforded David Grice his educational privileges, and at the age of nineteen he was apprenticed to the wagon-maker's trade, which he has made his life work. He was employed in Shropshire, England, as a journeyman for eight years, and in the spring of 1870 he crossed the briny deep to the New World. With the hope of bettering his financial condition he resolved on this emigration, and, bidding adieu to friends and native land, he sailed from Liverpool on the City of Dublin, which nine days later dropped anchor in the harbor of New York. At once he came to the west by rail, stopping first at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, then crossing the Mississippi into Iowa and continuing his journey to St. Charles, Minnesota.

Mr. Grice began life in this State as an employe of Park & Tolbert, proprietors of one of the oldest established manufactories in Minnesota, but after three months he removed to Owatonna, where he secured work with George Pratt, a wagon manufacturer. For about a year he continued there, after which he secured a position with Henry Bragg, of the same place, who was his employer for eight months. He embarked in business for himself in wagon-making and also did the wood-work on all the plows manufactured by Mike Quiggle, an old pioneer of this State. A few years later we find Mr. Grice in Sioux City, Iowa, where he carried on wagon-making three months, then removed to Mankato, Minnesota, but after three months passed there he came to Easton. He dates his arrival here from October, 1873, at which time he erected a dwelling-house and wagon-shop on the site of J. L. Herring's drug store. This was the first building of the town. Mr. Terhurne about the same time built a store, and on the farm formerly owned by W. Z. Haight was erected a two-story frame house, the lower floor of which was used as a boarding house. It was occupied by a Mr. Claraner and his partner, and was always open to the public for a hotel and restaurant. In that place our subject found shelter until his own home was ready to receive his family,—which was on the 9th of December, 1873.

On the 22d of February, 1872, Mr. Grice led to the marriage altar Miss Margaret Fitzpatrick, the ceremony being performed in Waseca county by the Very Rev. Father Beaumont, of St. Mary's Catholic Church. The lady was born in Augusta, Maine, February 11, 1845, and is a daughter of John and Catherine (Kehoe) Fitzpatrick; the family is of Irish lineage, both parents being natives of county Wexford, Ireland. The former very frequently crossed the Atlantic, and his last days were spent in the home of his son Michael, where he died in his eighty-sixth year. His wife died at her home in Easton, at the age of sixty-four, and was laid to rest in the burying ground of St. Mary's Church. She held membership in the Catholic Church, and was a sincere Christian woman. In their family were eight children, three sons and five daughters: Sarah, wife of James Irwin, a farmer of Otisco, Minnesota; Thomas, a resident farmer of Day county, this State; Mrs. Grice; Mary, who resides with her sister in Easton,—she being the widow of William Dunn, who was born in the north of Ireland, March 31, 1824, and died in Waseca county, Minnesota, in March, 1884; Elizabeth is the wife of Robert Quig-

gle, an agriculturist of Kent, Minnesota; Michael, a farmer of Barbara township, Faribault county; Rose, who was born in Jefferson county and died there at the age of seven years; and William J., who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Grice have had six children: Joseph H., born February 25, 1874, was born in the first building erected in Easton and is now serving an apprenticeship to the painter's trade. John, born May 30, 1874, is now engaged with his father; Elizabeth, born January 20, 1878, died in infancy; Margaret, born August 31, 1880, Catherine, born June 27, 1882, and Sarah, born September 20, 1884, are still under the parental roof. The parents and children hold membership in the Catholic Church of Easton, and throughout the community they are widely and favorably known. Since casting his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant, Mr. Grice has been a warm supporter of Republican principles, but has never been an office-seeker, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business interests. He is now carrying on his wagon manufactory and receives from the public a liberal patronage, which he well deserves. He came to this country with a hope of bettering his financial condition, and his hope has been realized; and he has not only secured a competence, but has also won a home and gained many warm friends.

WILLIAM B. RIPLEY, one of the extensive landowners of Faribault county, living on section 8, Verona township, is a native of the Empire State, his birth having occurred in Alexandria, Jefferson county, April 2, 1847, and descends from an old Massachusetts family of Scotch origin. His father, Daniel Ripley, was born in Windsor, Berkshire county, of the old Bay State, and married Cynthia Bassett, who was born in Lowville, New York, a daughter of Barachiah Bassett, who was born on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and traces his ancestry back to an early day when members of the family, of French birth, located on that island. They were connected by marriage with the Mayhews and Nortons, and many of the family bore those as Christian names.

The father of our subject was twice married, and by his first union had four children, while the only child of the second marriage is our subject. The parents resided in their Eastern home until 1849, when by way of the lakes they came to Wisconsin, locating in Taycheedah, Fond du Lac county, among its early settlers. From there they came to Faribault county, and the father died in Winnebago City, at the age of eighty-seven years. In his political views he was a Republican and for many years he served as Justice of the Peace, a most able and faithful officer, administering the affairs of the office with strict impartiality and winning the commendation of all concerned by his fidelity to duty. With the Baptist Church he held membership and served as Deacon. His wife still survives him, and is now living in Winnebago City, at the ripe old age of seventy-nine, respected by all who know her.

From the age of three years our subject was reared upon a Wisconsin farm, aiding in the labors of the fields through the summer months while in the winter season he pursued his studies in the common schools of the neighborhood. When a youth of seventeen, in February, 1865, he enlisted in Company D, Forty-fifth Wisconsin Infantry.

He was stationed at Nashville, where he did guard duty until honorably discharged at the close of the war.

Since 1883 Mr. Ripley has been a resident of Faribault county, and is numbered among the leading and influential agriculturists. He first purchased ninety acres of the farm of B. K. Whitney, and to this has added from time to time until he now has 460 acres of rich land which is in a high state of cultivation and well improved. There are good pasture, meadow and plow land, and the well-tilled fields yield to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and labor he bestows upon them. He has a pleasant residence, substantial barn, good cribs and sheds and a windmill. All the improvements are as monuments to his thrift and enterprise and indicate his progressive and practical spirit.

On the 16th of August, 1868, Mr. Ripley was united in marriage with Miss Alice Mitchell, the wedding being celebrated in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. She was educated at Gouverneur Wesleyan Seminary, at Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county, New York, and is a lady of culture and refinement. A cousin of our subject, she was born in the same house where his birth occurred, in Alexandria, New York. Her parents were Oscar F. and Elizabeth (Bassett) Mitchell, both now deceased. Eight children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ripley, namely: Oscar Louis, John G., Winnifred, Bessie A., Frank M., Nelly B., Georgia Augusta and Rose Alice. The older sons belong to the Sons of Veterans, at Winnebago.

By his ballot Mr. Ripley supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and serves on the School Board. He holds membership in Clabaugh Post, No. 54, G. A. R., and also belongs to Winnebago City Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F., and Blue Earth Valley Lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M. The same loyalty that prompted his service as a Union soldier during the late war has characterized his entire life. He is true to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private, and his well spent life and jovial genial manner have won him a large circle of warm and admiring friends. We feel assured that many will receive with interest this record of his life and therefore gladly give it a place in this volume.

IRA CLYNICK, a general farmer and stock-raiser, residing on section 33, Nashville township, Martin county, is a native of New Brunswick, born September 10, 1831, and comes of a family of English origin. His father, John Clynick, was born in England, and when a young man sailed for New Brunswick, where he followed the carpenter's trade. In that country he married Ann Miller, who was born in New Brunswick and is of German descent. His death occurred there at the age of forty-three, and his wife passed away at the age of seventy-five years and six months. In their family were eight children, five sons and three daughters, six of whom reached years of maturity, while four are still living, namely: George, who resides on the old homestead in New Brunswick; Lydia A., wife of Rev. E. B. Gray, a minister of the Freewill Baptist Church of that country; Maria, wife of Thomas Orchard of the same country; and our subject.

The last named was the third child and son of the eight children, and was reared in the land of his birth, where he obtained a fair English education in the common

schools. He continued at home until twenty-six years of age, and for some time was engaged in the lumber business. In the year 1858 he removed to the United States, settling in Winnebago county, Wisconsin, and in 1861 he came to Martin county, Minnesota, where he has since made his home. He at once secured a claim in Nashville township, and in 1862 raised the first crop in the township. For two years he cultivated his new farm, then returned to the East, where he spent two years.

On the 15th of June, 1866, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Clynick and Miss Ann Ingraham, who was born and reared in New Brunswick, and is a daughter of Manuel and Naomi (Moore) Ingraham, who were natives of the same country. She is the fifth in order of birth in their family of twelve children. With his bride Mr. Clynick returned to his Minnesota farm, upon which he has lived continuously since 1866. Their home has been blessed with six children, three daughters and three sons,—Ida, Gilford, Odber, Bertha, George and Jennie. The family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death, and all fill their places by the hearthstone save Gilford, now a young man, who has started out in life for himself.

Devoting his time and energies to agricultural pursuits, Mr. Clynick has passed the years of his life, and has accumulated a handsome property, his real-estate possessions aggregating 480 acres of the rich land of Minnesota. His is one of the fine farms for which Martin county is noted, it being improved with all modern conveniences and accessories, with a substantial residence, neat barns, etc. The enterprising owner carries on both general farming and stock-raising, and his successful management and systematic business methods have gained him prosperity.

Mr. Clynick is a strong temperance man, and by his ballot supports the party which embodies his ideas on that question,—the Prohibition. In 1862 he was elected Sheriff of Martin county, and he served as a member of the town Board of Supervisors, discharging his duties in a capable manner. He is a member of the Freewill Baptist Church, and his sterling worth and strict integrity have won him high regard.

A. JOHNSON, proprietor of Orchard Hill farm, is one of the prominent young farmers of Faribault county, Minnesota. This farm comprises 640 acres, namely, three-quarters of section 33, and parts of sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, Verona township, and is one of the most valuable and attractive places in the county. Here Mr. Johnson was born and reared, and here he has ever since resided, the date of his birth being October 13, 1860.

Mr. Johnson's father, Rufus Johnson, landed in Verona township, July 23, 1858, and is ranked with the leading pioneers of the county. He was born in Erie county, New York, October 8, 1834, son of Elihu Johnson, born in Genesee county, New York, in 1800. The latter was a son of Colonel Charles Johnson, an officer in the war of 1812, having charge of men at Buffalo. Colonel Johnson's father was a Revolutionary soldier under General Washington, and during the Revolution he forded the Delaware river in the winter and took a heavy cold, from the effects of which he died. He left a widow and four children, their home at that time being near Wy-

oming, New York. The widow was informed by a friendly Indian of the intended massacre at Wyoming, and she went on foot to Burlington, Vermont, taking her children with her, carrying the babe in her arms. Elihu Johnson was reared from his third year at Boston, Erie county, New York, and when he grew up married his cousin, Anna Chaffee, whose mother was one of the four children above alluded to. He and his wife had a family of eight, namely: Cyrus, Amelia, Eli, Olive, Helen, Rufus, Henry and Ann. She died at the age of fifty-six years, and he lived to be eighty-three, both passing away in Erie county, New York. In politics, he was an Abolitionist and Republican, and in religion a Freewill Baptist.

Rufus Johnson, the father of our subject, was reared in Erie county, New York, and when he was seventeen years old began teaching school. He was educated at Springville Academy, and at Jackson College, Michigan. In 1856 we find him in Waupun township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he followed the profession of teaching and where he was also engaged in farming. From there, in 1858, he came to Faribault county, Minnesota, making the journey with three yoke of oxen. That was the wettest season on record for this part of the country. He waded sloughs waist deep before he reached his destination. Arrived here, he took claim to a tract of land on section 33, and for some time lived in a log cabin, 14 x 18 feet. As the years passed by and he was prospered in his undertakings, he made valuable improvements upon his land, expending no less than $5,000 in buildings. In 1871 he went to California, and for two years made his home in Santa Clara county, returning in 1873 to his farm in Minnesota. In 1887 he again sought a change of climate, and for eighteen months sojourned in Washington, but the attractions of Minnesota were sufficient to induce him to return, and here he has since resided. Rufus Johnson was married at Waupun, Wisconsin, when he was twenty-three years of age, to Coralinn Williams, a native of Cattaraugus county, New York, and a daughter of T. J. and Lydia (Champlain) Williams. Her parents died in Faribault county, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of five children, as follows: Anna, wife of M. L. Houger, of Martin county, Minnesota; A. A., whose name heads this article; Ralph W., of Verona, this county; Horace A., a college student; and George Morton.

A. A. Johnson, who has succeeded to the ownership of this beautiful rural home and fine farm, known as Orchard Hill, is intelligently carrying on his farming operations and is largely interested in the raising of fine stock, making a specialty of shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs. On this farm is a grove of nineteen acres, one of the finest groves in the county, and in the orchard are no less than a thousand trees. There are two sets of buildings on the place, the ones on the west being occupied by our subject. Mr. Johnson was for some time engaged in teaching, but now gives his whole time and attention to his farm. He was married November 21, 1883, to Miss Pearlie E. Carpenter, daughter of Thomas J. Carpenter, of this county, and they have four children: Marion Ray, Emory Lloyd, Glennis Ertel, and Evan Elliot.

Mr. Johnson has served as Assessor, Supervisor, and Clerk of his school district. Like his father, he is identified with the Prohibition party, and is a member of the Freewill Baptist church.

CHARLES W. MEAD is the senior partner of the firm of Mead & McPherson, editors and proprietors of the Minnesota Lake Tribune. This paper was established September 5, 1894, and is the outcome of a kodak publication started by Frank Taplin, May 23, 1894. Mr. Mead, in June of that year, bought an interest in this publication and continued with Mr. Taplin until about the 1st of August, when he became sole proprietor. The office was first located in what was known as the old Lake House.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, born November 7, 1869, and is a son of William W. and Hester Elmira (Twiford) Mead, being the second in the family of seven children, four girls and three boys. William Wallace Mead, the father of our subject, is of Pennsylvania Dutch origin, who when a boy was apprenticed to the trade of plasterer, but after working at it for a time learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. These callings he followed until 1876. When the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad was building an extension, in 1876, from Worthington, Minnesota, to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, he entered into contract with the company to board the employes, and as the work progressed moved his quarters that he might better accommodate them. Later he opened a large hotel at Beaver Creek, Rock county, Minnesota, known as the Beaver House, which he carried on for about three years. Subsequently he resided in Round Lake, Jackson county, Minnesota, where he was Postmaster during a period of six years. While in this place he dealt extensively in cattle, and was one of the largest dealers in the county. He conducted a large cattle range and received and herded cattle for many dealers throughout that great section of country. Removing from Jackson county, he went to Iowa and spent some years there, returning to Minnesota and locating in Mankato, Blue Earth county, where he worked at his trade. In 1887 he went farther west and engaged in prospecting in and about Seattle and Tacoma, Washington. With a party of three or four companions he located several asbestos mines, but being too far from railroad communications they were subsequently abandoned. In the spring of 1894, accompanied by his wife, he set out for Kitchikin, in the Territory of Alaska. Only one other white man made a home there among the native Indians, while Mrs. Mead constituted the white "population" of women. Too far from civilization, and owing to the extreme cold of this section, they determined to return to the States, and once more located in Seattle.

On November 1, 1861, Mr. Mead enlisted in Company B, Brackett's Battalion of Cavalry, re-enlisted January 1, 1864, and June 1, 1866, was honorably discharged at Fort Snelling. Since the organization of the Republican party he has supported its nominees, though never being an active politician. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is now in the fifty-fifth year of his age.

Charles W. Mead, the subject of this sketch, commenced to learn the printer's trade in the office of the Aurelia Sentinel, in Aurelia, Cherokee county, Iowa. He also learned the trade of barber, and for several years followed that profession. He has also made a reputation as a ball-player. On the 19th of July, 1891, he married Miss Lauretta (better known to her friends as Etta) Corcoran, a daughter of Patrick and

Mary Corcoran, pioneers of Faribault county. The wedding was celebrated at the parsonage of the Catholic Church at Blue Earth City by Father Hughes. One child has been born of this union, Elmira Marie, born December 28, 1892.

D. K. McPherson, the junior partner of the Tribune, is a native of Cape Breton, in the Dominion of Canada, born June 11, 1870, and is a son of Kenneth and Christina (McKinnon) McPherson. Fifty years ago the grandparents emigrated to Cape Breton. He lost his father when a babe, and his mother wedded a second time. When but twelve years of age he began a career for himself, going to Massachusetts, where he found employment with a farmer in the town of Lincoln. From here he emigrated to New Hampshire, where he spent about four years, going thence to Portland, Maine. In the spring of 1890 he graduated at the Portland Business College, since which time he has visited many of the New England States, and in the year of 1892–3 took a course in the Northern Indiana Normal College. Engaging in the theatrical profession, he found his way to Minnesota Lake, where he formed his present partnership.

WILLIAM SCHROEDER, a resident of Petersburg, Jackson county, residing on a farm of 200 acres, on section 27, is a native of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, born March 16, 1840. He is a son of John and Dothea (Waggoner) Schroeder. He was confirmed in Uphal by Rev. Starck in 1851, and is the youngest of five children, only one other yet living, Charlie, who emigrated to America, and located in Cook county, Illinois. He is fourteen years older than our subject. One sister died in Chicago. His father died at about the age of seventy-two years, in the evening of one day, and the mother passed away the following morning!

William attended the common schools of his native land and was apprenticed to the trade of tailor, serving three years. In December, 1863, he sailed for America on the Humboldt, which had about 450 passengers. They were seventy days on the voyage, arriving at New York on the 12th of January, 1864. From there he went to Philadelphia and thence to Pittsburg, Cleveland and Chicago. It required eight days to make the journey. On his arrival in the last named city he sought and secured employment with a farmer near by. While a resident of Cook county he married Marie Mau, of Mecklenburg, Germany, who died in the 20th year of her age. Three children were born to them, one now living,—Caroline, wife of Charles Mayer, a pioneer of Petersburg township, Mr. Schroeder subsequently married Miss Dorothea Koeppe, of Saxony, Germany. She died in the thirty-fourth year of her age. Seven children were born of this marriage, three of whom are now living: Mary, wife of Emanuel Ullrich, a farmer of Petersburg township; Sophia, wife of Frank Ullrich, also of Petersburg township; Anna, residing at home. On the 14th of January, 1890, Mr. Schroeder was again married, taking as his wife Miss Marie Mayer, daughter of Henry and Marie Luetsche. She was born October 23, 1848, and came to this country in May, 1878. By this union were born five children, three of whom survive and reside at home,—William, Charles and Henry.

The farm on which Mr. Schroeder now

lives was purchased in 1884, the dwelling erected in 1886. The farm is one of the best improved in Petersburg township. Politically Mr. Schroeder is a Republican, and while a citizen of Illinois cast his vote for Abraham Lincoln for President. For the past four years he has been Township Treasurer and has held other local offices, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He is a member of the Lutheran Church of his township. Coming to the county without a dollar and being $700 in debt, by industry and economy he has paid off every dollar of indebtedness and is now in comfortable circumstances, enjoying the esteem of all who know him.

S. A. BRADLEY, a representative of one of the early families of Faribault county, now living on section 18, Minnesota Lake township, was born in Morrisburg, Dundas county, Canada West, on the 1st of November, 1849, and with his parents removed to New York. After some years' residence in the Empire State the father sought a home in the West and became one of the honored pioneers of Watonwan county. His death occurred in Antrim, Watonwan county, Minnesota, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, and the loss the community thus sustained was deeply felt by many friends. His wife was a noble Christian woman and a consistent member of the Methodist Church. She became the mother of nineteen children, and the subject of this record was the fifteenth in order of birth. Of the ten sons and nine daughters, six sons and seven daughters are yet living. They are Jemima, widow of Henry La Point, and a resident of Morrisburg, Canada; David, who carries on farming at that place; Catherine, wife of William Hackney, who was for some years a farmer of Antrim township and is now living in St. James, Minnesota; Christopher, a farmer residing near Madrid, St. Lawrence county, New York; James, who is living with Samuel Cory, at Winnebago City, Minnesota; Sarah, wife of Alonzo Lowrey, deceased, and a resident of Dresden, Kansas; Sidney, a minister of the Free Methodist Church; Jane, wife of Samuel Cory, of Winnebago City; Gordon E., who carries on farming in St. Lawrence county, New York; Ella, wife of Allen Cory, a hardware merchant of Easton, Minnesota; Mary, wife of Freeman Peets, a farmer of Watonwan county and the owner of a fine home in Winnebago City; S. A. of this sketch; and Permelia, wife of George W. Dodge, a cattle drover of Watonwan county.

S. A. Bradley spent the early years of his life upon his father's farm in the place of his nativity, and when nine years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to St. Lawrence county, New York. He subsequently secured a farm in that locality and began farming for himself in America. He accompanied his father on his removal to Minnesota, and after his arrival in the West aided in the grading of the Milwaukee road south of Owatonna and also worked in the lumber regions of that locality. His father left Owatonna in a one-horse wagon, traveling in that way to Shelbyville, Blue Earth county. There S. A. Bradley spent the summer working in a brick-yard and afterward remained for one year in the employ of Tilton Allen, a farmer residing near Shelbyville. He arrived in Faribault county in October, 1871, and went at once to Lura township, where he rented a part of the farm belonging to George W. Cory. He

disposed of his crop at Delavan, receiving $1.25 per bushel for his wheat, and with the capital thus acquired he purchased from the Government eighty acres of land on section 12, Lura township. He later traded that property to Samuel Cory for eighty acres on section 18, Minnesota Lake township. A small frame house and straw stable were the only improvements upon the place, but with characteristic energy he began its development, and in course of time the land was placed under the plow, crops were planted and abundant harvests gathered. There is a natural grove of forest trees around his home, and he has other timber upon his place which adds to its beauty as well as value. He has made many excellent improvements, added good buildings, and has supplied the place with all the accessories of a model farm of the nineteenth century.

On the 1st of November, 1871, Mr. Bradley was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Cory, daughter of George W. and Mary E. Cory and the eighth in a family of twelve children. She was born February 26, 1849, and has become the mother of two children,—Louise, who was born November 13, 1876; and Hattie Jane, born April 17, 1880. The older daughter is now engaged in teaching school. She attended Winnebago College for two years, and possesses considerable musical talent. Hattie is also a student in the same school, and the daughters are young ladies of ability, an honor to their parents. The mother of Mrs. Bradley now makes her home with her daughter. She is a charming old lady, an interesting member of the household. She was born May 17, 1814, and in 1895, within one week, designed and finished a very pretty pieced quilt. Her hair is white with the snows of many winters, but her smile is warm and her earnest Christian life is a source of inspiration and encouragement.

Mr. Bradley has never been an office-seeker, but has frequently been called upon to serve on the Village Board and in other public offices, the duties of which he has ever discharged in a most creditable manner. He has long been a supporter of the Republican party, and has always been a stanch advocate of temperance principles. The family attend the Free Methodist Church. Mr. Bradley is a public-spirited and progressive citizen, devoted to whatever is calculated to prove of public benefit, and all who know him respect him for his sterling worth.

G. A. ALBERTUS, a capitalist living in Jackson, Minnesota, is a most illustrious example of a self-made man. With a laudable ambition he has grasped eagerly every opportunity for raising himself to the level of the high standard which he set up, and his resolute purpose and commendable diligence have attained the goal of his hopes.

The enterprising spirit of the West dominates his nature. He is a Western man and claims Wisconsin as the State of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Sauk county on the 3d of March, 1858. His parents were G. F. and Mary E. (Bartlett) Albertus, and his mother died when he was only two years old. His father was born in Saxony on Christmas day of 1828, and was the third in a family of four children, three sons and a daughter. At the age of seventeen he crossed the briny deep to America, settling in Sauk county, Wisconsin, where he began farming. He subsequently was

elected and served as County Treasurer of that county. Removing to Owatonna, Minnesota, he embarked in general merchandising, which he successfully conducted for twenty-two years. He then disposed of his store and is now living retired, having accumulated a capital of $150,000.

G. A. Albertus was brought by his father to Minnesota on the 11th of May, 1865, and in his youth learned the harness-maker's trade. In August, 1880, he embarked in business for himself along that line, and personally conducted the same for three years, when he placed his shop in the hands of a manager who conducted it until 1892, when Mr. Albertus disposed of it to Raymond Bartosch.

On the 1st of April, 1883, Mr. Albertus formed a connection with W. H. Hansen, the noted land dealer of Chicago, with whom he has since remained. He accepted the agency for that gentleman in this part of the country, and has made his life a telling success, making a handsome fortune for himself and his employer until he is now recognized as one of the strongest men financially in Jackson county. He deals largely in lands on his own account, and does not confine himself to local buying, but also makes purchases in various parts of the country and also deals to some extent in city property. In traveling and through his connection with Mr. Hansen he became familiar with land values, and is enabled to estimate very accurately the probable rise in realty. Thus he has made wise and judicious investments which have brought to him a most excellent return. Steadily has he increased his capital until now he is numbered among the wealthiest citizens in this section of the State. His business interests have brought him a wide acquaintance and his friends are many. His success seems most marvelous, but has come to him not as the result of fortunate circumstances but as a reward for farsighted dealings, executive ability and discrimination. His example is encouraging,—demonstrating to what prosperity one may attain in the land of the free where caste and classes hamper not genius and talent.

On the 7th of September, 1876, Mr. Albertus was united in marriage with Miss Alzina Martin, daughter of Robert and Eliza Martin, and to them have been born three children, namely: Mabel E., born September 23, 1877; Lloyd, who was born in March, 1881, and died in September; 1884; and Floyd, born August 7, 1887.

In his political faith Mr. Albertus is a Democrat, and socially he is connected with Good Faith Lodge, No. 90, F. & A. M., and with the Modern Woodmen of America.

HARVEY H. CATLIN, who resides in Lura township, is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Faribault county, and almost his entire life has been passed in this locality. He was born in Louisville, St. Lawrence county, New York, February 18, 1853, and is a son of David and Louise (Chittenton) Catlin. They had two children,—Allen, now a highly respected farmer of Waverly township, Martin county, and our subject, who is the younger. The mother died during his infancy and he was then taken care of by his great-aunt, Mrs. Betsy Branyin, a most estimable and worthy lady, with whom Mr. and Mrs. Catlin were living when the latter was called from life.

David Catlin was one of the honored pioneers of Faribault county and deserves ex-

tended mention in this volume. He was born June 12, 1831, in a log cabin in St. Lawrence county, New York, and attended the common schools of the neighborhood, but the knowledge there gained was largely supplemented by the information acquired through travel and intercourse with his fellow-men and through business dealings. He was a man of more than average intelligence and always made the best of his opportunities. After the death of his first wife he was again married, on the 15th of December, 1854, the lady of his choice being Miss Millie A. Town, daughter of Abraham and Jerusha (Cory) Town, both of English lineage. Her father was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, and is now living in Martin county, Minnesota, while the mother claimed New Hampshire as the State of her nativity. Mrs. Catlin was born in the village of Louisville, St. Lawrence county, February 24, 1827, and proved to the subject of this sketch a true mother, giving him the love and care that she bestowed upon her own children, and the most pleasant relations ever have existed between them. She makes her home in Minnesota Lake, where she has recently erected a beautiful home. To the second marriage of David Catlin were born five children. Abram, the eldest, is the popular landlord of the recently erected Hotel Anderson at Mountain Lake, Cottonwood county, Minnesota; Jerusha Ann is the wife of Lyman B. Probart, a popular young agriculturist, residing on section 11, Lura township, and a son of T. J. Probart; Mary E., is the wife of James R. Reynolds, who resides on the old homestead, on section 18, Minnesota Lake township, Faribault county; William, born August 1, 1866, resides in Easton, engaged in the furniture business; Hattie May, born December 10, 1868, resides with her sister and mother on the Lyman Probart farm, and is the youngest of the family.

In 1854 David Catlin, of Scotch ancestry, in company with George Cory, followed Horace Greeley's advice to the youth of America and came to the West. One of the large railroads was then being extended to Chicago and these two gentlemen, who were bosom friends and the closest companions for many years, went to that city and were engaged on the construction of trestle work for that road. They afterward secured employment in a sawmill near Springfield, Illinois, and together they remained, sharing with each other the joys and sorrows of life. The winter of 1854 was passed in Illinois, and the following spring they set sail from New York for the Golden State, where they arrived after a stormy passage of several weeks. In the Sacramento valley of California, these two stalwart pioneers did some prospecting and spent four years in the timber belt, engaging in work in a sawmill which was located in one of the primitive regions of the then new State. Mr. Catlin managed to save part of his earnings, and with his little capital he returned home by way of the isthmus of Panama and New York. In 1860 he came again to the West, locating first in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he secured a claim, built a log cabin and carried on agricultural pursuits for four years. In 1864 he came to Faribault county and on section 18, Minnesota township, erected a primitive board house. The claim which he obtained comprised 160 acres of land and he at once began the labor of opening up a new farm and made his place one of the best in the neighborhood. His landed posses-

sions increased as the years went by, he becoming the owner of a wooded estate of 160 acres in Danville township, Blue Earth county, Minnesota, while the boundaries of the old homestead were extended until it comprised 400 acres of desirable land, to the improvement of which he gave so much of his undivided attention. The place became a veritable garden spot, rich in its well-tilled fields of golden grain, which yielded to the owner a handsome income. By his side lived his old-time friend and valued companion, Mr. Cory, and their pleasant associations were almost ideal in character.

David Catlin always took an active part in the development of his adopted county and in all matters pertaining to her advancement and welfare, and his name is therefore indissolubly connected with her history. He never sought public office, but his fellow townsmen recognized his worth and ability, and several times called him to places of honor and trust. He served as County Commissioner from his district, was many times chairman of the Town Board of Supervisors, and was officially connected with the schools of which he was a warm and faithful friend, —doing much for the cause of education in this neighborhood. He was a man of fine physique, weighing about 260 pounds, and was by nature well fitted for the experiences of pioneer life. A few years prior to his demise he was stricken with cancer, and though the best medical aid was summoned it proved of no avail. He was at last forced to succumb to the dread disease, and when death called him to the life eternal his remains were interred in Oak Grove cemetery, where a beautiful marble monument has been erected to his memory. The loss was not alone a severe one to his devoted wife and loving children, but was felt throughout the entire community by all who had known him and had held him in high esteem for his many sterling qualities and admirable characteristics. He left to his family an untarnished name, and surely the world is better for his having lived.

Harvey H. Catlin has been an eye witness of almost the entire growth and development of Faribault county. He has been a resident of this State since the early age of eight years, at which time he located in Goodhue county and has resided within the borders of Faribault county since the age of twelve. He attended the subscription schools of the former, which were often held in the homes of the neighborhood, and after coming to this county he again took up his studies, his first teacher here being Miss Williams. He attended at intervals until about twenty-two years of age, but at best his privileges were meager for the schools could not then cope with those of the East, and, too, his services were needed upon the home farm, which he aided in opening for cultivation. He shared with the family in the experiences of frontier life, and can tell the story of Minnesota's pioneers from actual experience.

On the 3d of July, 1879, Mr. Catlin was joined in wedlock with Minnie A. Shoen, daughter of Ashley H. and Martha C. (Cole) Shoen. Her father was born in Vermont, in 1802, and in the early part of this century removed to St. Lawrence county, New York. His wife, a native of the Green Mountain State, died in St. Lawrence county when Mrs. Catlin was only about five years of age. Her children are Edwin O., who is engaged in the lumber business in Goldfield, Wright county, Iowa; Ashley J., who was born May 6, 1850, and owns a valuable half-section of land in Hamlin county, South

Dakota, where he has resided since 1881; Martha, wife of Oliver B. Barrett, a farmer of Waddington, St. Lawrence county, New York; Samuel S., who carries on farming in St. Lawrence county, near Canton; and Mrs. Catlin. The last named was born in Waddington, just mentioned, March 30, 1860, and obtained her education in the common schools. Seven interesting children grace the union of our subject and his wife: Bertha M., born July 7, 1880; Elmer A., born July 25, 1882; David Allen, born September 23, 1884; Oliver B., born October 3, 1886; Claud H., born November 24, 1889; Altie May, born October 31, 1891; and Inez Jerusha, who was born February 18, 1894.

Mr. Catlin is now the owner of a highly cultivated and well improved farm of 240 acres, and his possessions have largely been acquired through his own unaided efforts. His pioneer home has been replaced by a pretty dwelling, 14 x 22 feet, with an L 17 x 20 feet, and is two stories in height. In connection with his farming operations Mr. Catlin has also engaged in drilling wells for some years, and dug one well at St. James, Minnesota, which was 218 feet deep. He is a capable and energetic man, possessed of good business and executive ability, and his well directed efforts have made him one of the substantial citizens of the community. He has preferred giving his entire attention to farming and stock-raising, and has therefore had not time to seek public office, nor has he cared for official preferment. He is a stalwart supporter of Republican principles, but never aggressive, and in his social relations he is connected with the United Workmen Lodge of Minnesota Lake. In business dealings he is straightforward and honorable, and he possesses a noble, outspoken nature, that is true to his convictions and cannot be swerved by fear or favor. All who know him hold him in the highest regard, and in this history he well deserves honorable mention.

JOHN K. JOHNSON, one of the honored pioneers of Jackson county, and a representative of one of the pioneer families of Racine county, Wisconsin, is a native of Norway, born February 15, 1835, and is the first born in a family of nine children, five of whom are yet living: J. K., the subject of this review; Halvor, who resides on the old homestead in the town of Waterford, Racine county, Wisconsin; Anna, wife of August Garnats, also a resident of the town of Waterford; Ole, a farmer in Norman county, Minnesota; Charley, a farmer in the town of Norway, Racine county, Wisconsin.

Knute Johnson, the father of this family, was born in the parish of Sauland, Norway, devoted many years of his life to agricultural pursuits, and when still a young man married Bergitta Halvorson, a native of Norway. After residing in their native land for about seven years longer, the young couple set sail for the United States, in the spring of 1841, and after a voyage of seventy days landed in New York, from which place they continued their journey to Wisconsin by way of river, canal and lake, landing in Milwaukee, in August, 1841. From that place, which was then but a small village, they continued west and south to Racine county, where the parents spent their remaining days. They erected a primitive log cabin in which they lived for some years, then replaced it by a fine building, and Mr.

and Mrs. Johnson were enabled to take life more comfortably. He died in his eighty-third year, while his wife survived him, dying in May, 1890, in her eighty-second year.

John K. Johnson, the subject of this sketch, was but six years of age when he came to this country. It was some years before the first schoolhouse was erected in his neighborhood, in which he obtained but a few months' schooling. By reading, observation and travel he has acquired a great knowledge of men and things, and is now one of the best informed men in his section of the country. He recalls with much kindness, Miss Bagley, his first instructress in the English language. Remaining on his father's farm until attaining his majority, he bade good-bye to home and set out for the Territory of Minnesota, crossing the Mississippi at Prairie du Chien. He arrived in Fillmore county, Minnesota, in 1856, two years before the admission of the State into the Union. In the township of Rushford he secured 160 acres of wild land, on which he built a log house. In 1860 he removed to Houston township, Houston county, where he worked at different jobs, mostly farming. While a resident of this county, on April 6, 1861, he married Miss Susan Swenson, a daughter of Andrew Swenson and a native of Sweden, born May 8, 1844. She was but nine years of age when her parents emigrated to America. They first resided in Chicago, and after a year emigrated to Houston county, Minnesota. Like her husband she is the first born of a family of seven children, of whom six are now living, namely: Mrs. Johnson; Louis, who is engaged in farming on the old homestead in Houston county; Elida, who married J. F. Russell, of La Crosse, Wisconsin; Josephine, wife of Mahlon Farmin; Emma, who wedded Charles Anderson, of Kingsbury county, South Dakota; and Andrew, who resides on the old homestead.

On the 7th of November, 1862, Mr. Johnson enlisted as a member of Company G, First Minnesota Regiment of Mounted Rangers, under the command of Captain Joseph Anderson of St. Paul. The company was sent out against the Chippewa Indians and did guard duty on the St. Croix river during the severe winter months of 1862–3. Being ordered to Fort Snelling in the spring of 1863, they were sent through Dakota with General Sibley's expedition to the Missouri river, against the Sioux Indians. Many hardships were experienced by himself and comrades during this period of arduous service. He was honorably discharged and mustered out at Fort Snelling November 23, 1863.

Shortly after his return home he removed to the town of Blackhammer, Houston county, purchasing there an eighty-acre tract, on which he lived until 1866, when he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Newburg, Fillmore county. One morning he found most of his stock in trade missing, thieves having plundered his store. Eight months' experience in this line of business was sufficient for him, and he again took up agricultural pursuits. In 1868 he located a claim in what is now known as Wisconsin township, Jackson county. He was present at the organization of this township, and today is its efficient chairman. Here he erected, from logs secured along the Des Moines river, a comfortable cabin, into which he removed his family. He marketed his first crop in Milford, Dickinson county, a distance of thirty-five miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of twelve children, viz.: John C., born in

Houston county, February 13, 1862, is engaged in farming in Wisconsin township, Jackson county; Clara Josephine, born in Blackhammer, Houston county, November 19, 1864, is now the wife of Emil Anderson, who for the past thirteen years has been a resident of Kingsbury county, South Dakota; Betsey Caroline, born in Fillmore county, April 30, 1866, is the wife of Arthur Halvorson, and they make their home in Washington county, Idaho; Knute Julius, born in Houston county, May 14, 1868, resides with his parents; Martin C., born in Jackson county, July 7, 1870, died July 21, 1894; William Edward, born July 7, 1872, died January 20, 1876, in Freeborn county, Minnesota; Franklin J., born in Jackson county, July 14, 1874, is at home; William E., born January 13, 1877, in Freeborn county, is also at home; Harvey O., born December 11, 1879, is serving an apprenticeship in the office of the Jackson Republic; Arthur C., born November 10, 1882; Walter L., born August 20, 1885; and Alice Susan, born January 16, 1888, are still with their parents. The family reside in a very commodious and pretty residence on section 34, Wisconsin township. The farm is well improved and well adapted to all the products of this locality.

Politically Mr. Johnson has been an unfaltering and life-long Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. As has been stated, he is the present chairman of the Township Board, and has held other official positions in the township. He has always been a friend of the public-school system, and has stood solidly for good schools and good teachers. He is a member of the John A. Meyer Post, No. 60, G. A. R., and was a charter member of Wadsworth Post, No. 28. He and his family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, but were formerly members of the Norwegian Lutheran Church.

CHARLES ANTHONY, one of the most wealthy and influential farmers of Martin county, Minnesota, was born in Cayuga county, New York, November 17, 1838, descending from one of the early New England families that was founded in America by John Anthony, who was born in England in 1607 and sailed from Hempstead in the ship Hercules, April 16, 1634, bound for Portsmouth, Rhode Island, which point he made his permanent home. His death occurred there July 28, 1675. He married Susanna Potter, and the next in line of direct descent was their son, Abraham Anthony. He wedded Alice Woodell and died October 10, 1727. On the 31st of October, 1675, was born to them a son, whom they named William and who was called to his final rest September 9, 1747. He had married Mary Coggeshall, and their son William was born October 26, 1709. For his wife he chose Alice Eddy, and their son David was the next in direct descent. He was born May 6, 1747, and died November 29, 1831. His wife bore the maiden name of Judith Hicks, and to them was born, in Berkshire county, Massachusetts, February 3, 1770, Humphrey Anthony, who became the grandfather of our subject. He, too, lived to an advanced age, passing away May 15, 1866. He was united in marriage with Hannah Lapham, and their son John was the father of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Born in Berkshire county, Massachusetts, August 27, 1800, he departed this life July 13, 1882. The family, as will be seen, has

long been identified with New England and in various walks of life its members have obtained prominence. Susan B. Anthony, the famous lecturer, is a niece of John Anthony.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Wadsworth, and she also was a native of Berkshire county, Massachusetts, her birth having occurred November 4, 1806, and her life's labors were ended April 23, 1892. Her father, Joseph Wadsworth, was a son of David Wadsworth, and the grandfather also bore the name of David Wadsworth. The last named was the son of Recompense Wadsworth, and grandson of Ebenezer and a great-grandson of Samuel Wadsworth, and the last mentioned was a son of Christopher Wadsworth, the founder of the family in America.

The parents of our subject were married in Auburn, New York, and soon removed to Massachusetts, but subsequently returned to the Empire State. In 1852 they emigrated westward, taking up their residence in Whiteside county, Illinois, where they spent their remaining days. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are living at this writing, namely: Joseph, Samuel, Charles, Joshua and Humphrey.

Charles Anthony, whose name heads this article, spent the first fourteen years of his life in the State of his nativity, and was educated in Albany Academy. He then accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois, where he assisted his father in the development and cultivation of his farm. When he had attained his majority he had about $21 in money, and with this capital started out in life for himself, giving his attention to farming and stock-raising, which occupation he has since followed. He remained in Illinois until 1876,—the year of his removal to Minnesota,—when he took up his abode in Dodge county, and made his home there for three years. Since 1879 he has resided on his present farm, which now consists of 560 acres of valuable land on section 34, Fraser township. At the time he settled here this was all wild land, but it is now well improved and in a high state of cultivation, being regarded as one of the most desirable farms in the county.

Mr. Anthony was married at Adrian, Michigan, February 12, 1863, to Theodosia Mehitable Robinson. The lady was born six miles from Seneca Falls, New York, March 31, 1841, and is a daughter of Morgan Lewis and Amanda Melvina (Daball) Robinson. Her father was a son of Giles Robinson and a grandson of Elisha and Sarah (Sanford) Robinson. The family traces its ancestry back to Rev. John Robinson, who was born in 1576 and lived in Norwich, England. He was a Puritan pastor in Nottingham county, in 1606, a year later removed thence to Amsterdam and in 1610 to Leyden, where he died, March 1, 1625. About the year 1629 his widow and two sons, Isaac and John, came over to the Plymouth Colony, the former locating in Scituate, Massachusetts, and the latter near Cape Ann. The mother of Mrs. Anthony was born in Groton, Connecticut, April 13, 1806, and died August 24, 1883, at Adrian, Michigan. She was married to Morgan Lewis Robinson in Auburn, New York, August 13, 1826, and they had five sons and two daughters, the honored wife of Mr. Anthony being the youngest of their family. Patty Miner, the grandmother of Mrs. Anthony, was born December 7, 1781, and died November 10, 1852. On the 2d of June, 1801, she became the wife of John Miner Daball, and they had a daughter, Amanda Melvina. Richard Miner, father of

Patty Daball, was born September 10, 1753, and died March 19, 1847. He married Catherine Holman, January 11, 1876. Nathan Miner, great-grandfather of Mrs. Anthony, was born July 16, 1721, and March 7, 1751, married Sarah Smith. His father, Samuel Miner, was born December 21, 1694, and married Elizabeth Brown, December 3, 1719. Elnathan Miner, father of Samuel, married Rebecca Baldwin, March 21, 1694. He was a son of Menaseth Miner, who was born in New London, Connecticut, in 1647, and married Lydia Moore, September 26, 1670. Thomas Miner, father of Menaseth, was the second son of Clement Miner and was born in Cherra Magna, Somerset county, England, April 20, 1608. He came to America in 1630 in the ship Arabella in company with his relative, Governor John Winthrop. He married Grace Palmer, April 20, 1633, and his son, Menaseth, was the seventh child.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony have an interesting family of five children, namely: Fannie, born January 23, 1864; Julie, born January 3, 1869; Bertha, born September 11, 1873; Charles D., born February 1, 1877; and Sarah, born November 25, 1884. The family have a very pleasant home on their farm in Martin county and are numbered among the leading and highly esteemed citizens of the community. In his business career, Mr. Anthony has been very successful, and his property has all been acquired through his own efforts, perseverance, industry and good management.

GEORGE C. COOLEY, who is engaged in merchandising in Heron Lake, Minnesota, was born in the town of Potsdam, New York, on the 28th of October, 1850, and traces his ancestry back to the earliest history of Massachusetts. He springs from a family whose members have always been sturdy, industrious and honorable people, and these sterling traits of character have been inherited by Mr. Cooley. His original American ancestor sailed for the New World with the historic band of Pilgrims who landed from the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock. He was a carpenter by trade and brought with him a kit of tools, a portion of which are now in possession of the gentleman whose name heads this review. The Cooley farm in Massachusetts, which was obtained from the Indians at an early day, remained in possession of the family until 1865, when it was deeded to the town near which it was situated for the benefit of the poor. The grandfather, Azariah Cooley, was born on the old homestead near Enfield, Massachusetts, in the year 1798, and when a young man emigrated to the wilderness of northern New York. This was in 1822. He located in the midst of a dense timber tract and opened up a farm, performing the arduous task of transforming this into rich and fertile fields. He was one of the earliest settlers of that region and for several years was obliged to carry flour upon his back for a distance of nine miles. He devoted his entire life to the work of the farm and there died in October, 1865.

George R. Cooley, father of our subject, was a native of Norfolk, St. Lawrence county, New York, born in a little log cabin on the 7th of December, 1824. He lived in his native State until 1863, when with his family he removed to the West, locating in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where for many years he carried on agricultural pursuits. He married Fanny Chapell, who was born near the city of Exeter, in Devonshire, Eng-

land, in 1828. With her father's family she crossed the ocean to Montreal, Canada, in 1831, and subsequently they went to St. Lawrence county, New York, where she was married. Her death occurred in Fillmore county, this State, on the 26th of January, 1866, when she was only thirty-eight years of age. After the death of his wife Mr. Cooley kept his family together for a number of years, but finally he retired from active business, in 1887, and is now living with his son Sherman in Kansas. The family of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Cooley numbered eight children, four of whom are yet living, as follows: James E., a resident of Rochester, Minnesota; Ida A., wife of E. G. McElroy, of Prescott, Wisconsin; Sherman Grant, a resident of Linn, Kansas; and George C., of Heron Lake.

The last named and the one in whom the readers of this volume feel the deepest interest, lived for thirteen years in the Empire State, and then accompanied his parents on their emigration westward to Minnesota. He aided in opening up the new farm in Fillmore county, and continued his labors in the fields until he had attained his majority, when he started out in life for himself. His first independent effort was at teaching school, which he followed for two years, when, in the fall of 1872, he became connected with the lumber business, taking charge of the lumber-yard of Mr. Colman, in Whalen, Minnesota. There he continued for eight years, and on the expiration of that period he became station agent and operator for the Milwaukee Railroad Company at the same place. In that capacity he continued for two years, when he accepted a similar position in Delavan, remaining there for two years. His next venture was in the drug business in Winnebago, and in the fall of 1884 he came to Heron Lake, where he opened a drug and general merchandise store. He has since carried on operations along this line and is recognized as one of the energetic and leading business men of Jackson county. He has a good store, in his dealings is strictly honorable and straightforward, and as he earnestly desires to please his customers he has won a liberal patronage.

On the 1st of July, 1874, Mr. Cooley led to the marriage altar Miss Hortense Dikeman, a native of Ohio, who died July 14, 1881, leaving one daughter, Daisy H. Cooley, now the wife of Frank Humiston, of Heron Lake. Mr. Cooley was again married September 7, 1882, his second union being with Sabrina Jane Ward, daughter of Alfred and Amanda (Bigelow) Ward, the father of English birth, while the mother belongs to the Bigelow family, one of the earliest families of Vermont. Four children have been given Mr. and Mrs. Cooley,—Guy C., Grover W., May Maud and Fannie A.

Mr. Cooley has always been an active and enthusiastic member of the Democratic party, and during the first administration of President Cleveland served as Postmaster of Heron Lake for three years. He has served as a member of the Village Council, and at writing is serving as Justice of the Peace. For twenty-four years he has been an interested and influential member of the Masonic fraternity, and was one of the charter members of Columbian Lodge, No. 210, F. & A. M. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, to the Modern Woodmen and to the Knights of Pythias.

His public and private life are alike above reproach, and his sterling worth and

strict integrity have gained him the confidence and respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He has the best characteristics of his Puritan ancestors, without their narrowness and rigidity of principle, and his friends in the community are legion.

JOHN WILLIAM MUIR, who is conducting a successful livery business in Jackson, is a young man of excellent business and executive ability. He was born on the 1st of March, 1867, on a farm near St. Mary's, in western Canada. His parents, Robert Crawford and Mary (McClain) Muir, came to Jackson county on the 15th of October of the same year, and located upon a farm. Thus our subject has spent the greater part of his life in this community. His life in early days was similar to that of most farmer boys, his time being passed in the fields through the summer months, while in the winter season he attended the common schools.

In 1885 Mr. Muir left home and began learning the carpenter's trade, working for John Davies, and continued in that employ for three years. Later, in connection with H. S. Schloot, he took a contract for building residences in Sioux City, and in the fall of 1887 he accepted the position of foreman of a bridge gang on the Illinois Central Railroad, working in that way from July until November. His expert workmanship was readily acknowledged,—a fact shown by his position with the railroad company when only twenty years of age. Returning then to Jackson county Mr. Muir continued to follow his trade for a year, after which he embarked in the livery business. It was in January, 1889, that he bought out the livery barn of E. L. Brayton, and also the omnibus and dray line of Jackson Brayton, since which time he has followed both pursuits. His rigs are modern in style, his horses good stock, and as he earnestly desires and labors to please his customers he has secured a liberal patronage, which is constantly increasing.

On the 14th of November, 1889, Mr. Muir was united in marriage with Miss Lena Arp, daughter of Claus Arp. She was born on the 13th of January, 1867, the third child in her father's family. Their union has been blessed with a family of three children: Grace Arpa, born December 19, 1890; Maud Augusta, born March 28, 1891; and John William, born on the 29th of September, 1892. Socially, Mr. Muir is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a charter member of Maple Grove Lodge, No. 1069, M. W. A. In his political views he is a stalwart Republican, supporting that party since attaining his majority. In the community he is widely known, is a popular, genial gentleman, and all who are acquainted with him recognize his sterling worth and give him their high regard.

In this connection we wish to make further mention of Robert Crawford Muir, father of our subject and one of the honored early settlers of Jackson county, who for twenty-eight years has been connected with its agricultural interests. He was born in Canada West, April 2, 1839, and is of Scotch lineage. His grandfather, who was born in Scotland and engaged in business there as a shepherd and stone-mason, and emigrated to the New World, locating in Canada, where he died, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. The father, Thomas Muir, was born in Scotland, August 8, 1803, and became a

resident of Canada in 1820, when seventeen years of age. With the exception of two years passed in New York and Connecticut, he was ever afterward a resident of Canada, and there his life was ended on the 1st of January, 1892. He married Elizabeth Horn, who was born in Scotland April 3, 1808, and died in March, 1878. Their children are Thomas, Joseph, Thomas, William, Alex, Andrew, Miron, Robert, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Samuel, George, and two who died in infancy unnamed.

In the land of his birth Robert C. Muir was reared and educated, and was united in marriage there with Mary McLean, daughter of John and Jeanette (McDougal) McLean. Their wedding was celebrated on the 23d of December, 1864, and by their union were born thirteen children: Elizabeth, who was born in Canada, October 15, 1865; John, who is mentioned above; William, born June 19, 1869; Jeanette, born September 30, 1871; Robert, born March 23, 1872; Mary Ann, born July 24, 1873; Minnie, born April 9, 1875; Alex, born May 10, 1876; James, born June 16, 1878; Maggie, born March 21, 1880; Katie, born March 21, 1882; Gale, born March 22, 1884; and Gracie, who was born January 24, 1887, and died February 10, 1889.

Mr. Muir remained in Canada until October, 1867, when he determined to try his fortune in America, and came to Jackson county, Minnesota. On the 1st of May, 1868, he settled on section 22, Middletown township, living in a log house for twenty-five years and five months. He then erected his present residence, a comfortable and substantial dwelling. He has since given his time to the development of his land, transforming the wild prairie into rich and fertile fields and making many improvements, which have added to the value and attractive appearance of the place. He is accounted one of the leading and representative farmers of the community, and is a wide-awake and progressive citizen. In his political views he is a stalwart Republican, and in religious belief is a Presbyterian.

SAMUEL CORY, who occupies the position of superintendent of the water works of Winnebago City, is one of the early settlers of Faribault county and a veteran of the late war, who valiantly served his country, true to the old flag and the cause it represented. He displays the same loyalty in all the relations of life, whether of a public or private character, and has therefore gained the confidence and good-will of all with whom business or social affairs have brought him in contact.

Mr. Cory is a native of the Empire State, born in St. Lawrence county, May 25, 1841, and is of Welsh lineage, descending from a family that dates its arrival in America in Colonial days. The grandfather of our subject, Daniel Cory, was born in Massachusetts, and the father, George W. Cory, was a native of New Hampshire. He was joined in wedlock with Mary E. Towne, who was born in Plattsburg, New York, and came of an old family of that State. The parents of Samuel resided in New York until 1865 and then came to Minnesota, locating in Lura township, Faribault county. In pursuit of fortune the father followed farming and was a well known agriculturist of this section of the State. He was born in 1814 and died in this county in 1887, at the age of seventy-three years. His political support was given to the Republican party.

His wife still survives him, and at the advanced age of eighty years is living in Minnesota Lake. Their family numbered ten children, two sons and eight daughters: Lorinda, who died in 1863; Samuel, Lucinda, Allen, Elvira, Harriet, Ellen, Louise, Maria M., now deceased, and one who died in infancy.

In the county of his nativity Mr. Cory spent the days of his boyhood and youth, reared in the manner of farmer lads of that locality. After the breaking out of the late war he offered his services to the Government to aid in crushing out the Rebellion which threatened the destruction of the nation. It was in September, 1861, that he became a member of Company G, Sixtieth New York Infantry, commanded by Captain Smith and Colonel Goodrige. He served until the close of the war and was in many of the most important battles of the struggle, including the engagements at Antietam, Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, Resaca, and Dallas. At the last named he was severely wounded by a minie ball in both thighs, and also received a flesh wound, while his coat and hat were also shot through. He was sent to the hospital at Kingston, Georgia, where he remained for three months, then was at Nashville for a time, after which he was sent to Madison, Indiana, where he was granted a thirty-days furlough and returned to his home. Not able to rejoin his regiment at the end of that time his leave of absence was extended to sixty days. He then again went to the front but refused to re-enter the hospital, though still suffering from his wound and was sent to Governor's Island, New York, from where, on a ship with 1,100 others, he started for his regiment. While *en route* he succeeded in extracting the ball which had caused all his trouble, and the piece of lead he still has in his possession. At Goldsboro he rejoined his command and was afterward in the battles of Raleigh, was present at the capture of General Johnston's forces, thence went to Richmond and on to Washington, where he participated in the Grand Review, —the most brilliant military pageant ever seen on this continent.

Mr. Cory was honorably discharged at or near Alexandria, Virginia, and then returned to his home in the Empire State, but after a short time he came to the West, journeying to Minnesota Lake, near where he secured a claim of 160 acres. For two years he cultivated this farm, then went to California, but his stay on the Pacific slope was of short duration. On again coming to Minnesota he settled in Watonwan county, where he lived for a year, when he came to Lura township, Faribault county, securing a farm of 300 acres. That was subsequently sold and by purchase he became the owner of a tract of 160 acres in Winnebago City township, which tract he has under a high state of cultivation. He never lived on the land purchased in Winnebago City township, but moved from Lura township five years ago to Winnebago City, where he has a good property and a position that he is filling in a creditable and acceptable manner.

Mr. Cory was first married in St. Lawrence county, New York, to Paulina Nichols, who died in 1861. The only child of that marriage died in infancy. In Minnesota Lake was consummated the marriage of Mr. Cory and Adelaide Hudson, who died in Sacramento, California, leaving two daughters: Paulina, who formerly was a successful teacher and is now the wife of John Lindall; and Mary, who is living in

California. In 1871 Mr. Cory was joined in wedlock with Mrs. Jane Short, who by her former marriage had two sons, Charles and Alvah. The children of her second union are Abram, a graduate of the commercial college of Des Moines, Iowa, and Martin.

Mr. Cory holds membership in Clabaugh Post, No. 54, G. A. R., and has served both as Junior and Senior Vice Commander. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is a leading member and a Deacon in the Freewill Baptist church. He adheres to the Republican party, which he has supported since casting his first vote. He was then in the hospital and voted for Reuben Fenton for Governor of New York, nine-tenths of the men in the hospital being of the same political faith. He is a man whose word is as good as his bond, whose integrity is above question, whose life has ever been honorable and upright, and who is justly deserving of the high regard in which he is held by his many friends.

QB. WESTON, a prominent citizen of Walnut Lake township (post-office Wells), was a soldier in the last war, but he first came to this county in 1862.

He was born at Mount Tabor, Rutland county, Vermont, June 28, 1835. His father, Daniel B. Weston, was born at Winchendon, Massachusetts, of an old Massachusetts family that was of English origin. Daniel B. married Ruth Jackson, a native of Wallingford, Vermont, a daughter of John Jackson, also of the Bay State. Some of her forefathers were participants in the Revolutionary war. The parents of our subject resided in Vermont, and in 1858 emigrated to Howard county, Iowa, locating there as pioneers, where the father died, at the age of sixty-five years, and the mother died some time subsequently. They had nine children, viz.: Ephraim, Sophia, Charles B., Dora, Catharine, Nettie, Lizzie (wife of Jeff. Clark and both are now deceased), and George, deceased. By a former marriage to Catharine Taylor, the senior Weston had three children,—Sophia, Park and William. He was a farmer by occupation, in politics a Republican and in religion a Baptist.

Mr. Weston, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared upon a Vermont farm and educated in the public schools. In 1858 he married and came West, first locating in Howard county, Iowa. For his wife he wedded Charlotte L. Richardson, a successful school-teacher, born at Plymouth, Vermont, October 4, 1833. Her father, Jonathan Richardson, also a native of the Green Mountain State, was Captain of the home militia in Vermont. His father was Johnson Richardson, whose father, James Richardson, was a Revolutionary soldier, losing a leg by blood-poisoning resulting from a wound received at the battle of Bunker Hill. Mrs. Weston's mother, before marriage Ruhama Bishop, was born at Shrewsbury, Vermont, a daughter of Robert Bishop, a native of the same town and a Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. Weston's parents came to Howard county, Iowa, in 1859, and in 1862 to Faribault county, and here, in Walnut Lake township, Mrs. Bishop lived until her death, at the age of sixty-eight years; her husband died at the age of seventy-eight years. They had two children: Bowman, who in the last war was a member of the Board of Trade Regiment of Chicago, in which city he died in 1877. He

married Emily Paul and had three children: Volney B., F. P. (deceased), and Mary E. The other child of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson was Charlotte L., now Mrs. Weston.

Mr. Weston came to Faribault county in 1862, locating upon a homestead of 160 acres. He now has 480 acres of land, constituting one of the best farms in the county. When he first arrived here there were but nine voters in the three townships. During the Indian massacre of Minnesota they had to live on one griddle-cake a day and what game they could get. All the gristmills were in the hands of the Government to grind grain for the soldiers. In November, 1864, he enlisted in the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, in Company D, comprising 140 men, with nine guns. They were in sight of the battle of Nashville, but most of the time they were stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Honorably discharged in October, 1865, Mr. Weston returned home.

He has three children: Mary R., who was a successful teacher for twenty-three terms, and now the wife of Lewis Heitzeg, of Kiester township, and has one daughter, Charlotte E.; Marcus R., who married Cora Taylor; and Bowman, who married Claudia Dames and has one child, Paul B. Mr. Weston's nephews, Harry and Charlie Clark, have a good home here with the family. Mr. and Mrs. Weston have one adopted daughter, Maggie Lewis by name, but was always known familiarly by the name of Minnie Weston. She married Wesley Harper and they have two children, Raymond and Mabel. They are living in Missouri and are doing well.

Mr. Weston is a Republican, has been Supervisor, and member of the School Board twenty-five years. In religious relations both Mr. Weston and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, and have been efficient workers in the Sunday-school. They are kind and intelligent people.

R. H. WALKER, a well-known farmer and contractor and builder, Verona township, Faribault county, Minnesota, has been identified with this vicinity for fifteen years and is one of its leading citizens.

Mr. Walker was born in Jersey City, near New York, February 22, 1849. His father, Thomas Walker, was a native of the north of Ireland and a son of Scotch-Irish parents; was reared a Presbyterian, and was by trade a brick mason, nearly the whole of his life being spent in work at his trade. When a young man he emigrated to America, and in New York was married to Rebecca Johnston, a daughter of Scotch parents. In 1853 he moved with his family to Horicon, Wisconsin, and while there met with an accident which finally caused his death. His widow lived to the advanced age of eighty-three years. Their family was composed of four children, the subject of our sketch being the only one now living. The others were Mary Hayes, Elizabeth Ross, and John Walker. Mrs. Ross left one child, now Jay Ross Walker, who now resides with his uncle, R. H. Walker.

At the time the Walker family removed to Wisconsin, the subject of our sketch was five years of age, and in that State he was reared, received a fair education, and learned the carpenter's trade. He came to Minnesota in 1880 and purchased his present farm of 160 acres of James Fairbanks. This place is now well improved with good residence and barn, fine grove, model orchard, windmill, etc., and everything conveniently

arranged for carrying on farming operations successfully; and in addition to operating his farm, he is also doing considerable business in contracting and building.

Mr. Walker has been twice married. His first wife was Katty, daughter of Robert Obren. In 1886 he married Miss Mary E. Coombs, of Delavan, Minnesota, and they have four children, namely: Elizabeth Ann, Lucretia May, Thomas Harrison and Robert Thurston.

Politically, Mr. Walker is a Republican. Fraternally, he is identified with the I. O. O. F., and A. O. U. W. at Winnebago City.

JURGEN SCHWAGER, a farmer of section 8, Sioux Valley township (postoffice Sioux Valley), is one of the intelligent, enterprising and successful German-American citizens of this section of the country, residing here since the autumn of 1883.

He was born in Holstein, Germany, August 16, 1849, a son of Claus Schwager, a native of the same province, and Anna, *nee* Messer, also a native of Holstein. Young Jurgen was educated in the public schools of his native land and learned the trade of shoemaking, in which he afterward was engaged for some time. In 1867 he bade farewell to the little German home across the Rhine and emigrated to America, sailing from Hamburg to New York, and being fourteen days on the voyage. He first came to Davenport, Iowa, where he stopped with his elder brother Timm. His father died in Iowa, in 1890, at the age of seventy-four years, and his mother at the age of fifty-seven. There were three children: Timm, now in Cedar county, that State; Jurgen, of this sketch; and Christ, of Martin county, Minnesota. The senior Schwager was a farmer by occupation, in politics a Democrat and in religion a Lutheran.

Mr. Jurgen Schwager, who is the immediate subject of this sketch, was eighteen years of age when he came to Iowa. He lived in Scott county until 1883, then purchased eighty acres of unimproved land here in Jackson county, Minnesota, entered agricultural pursuits and prospered. At length he bought forty acres more, and later still another forty acres, so that he now has 160 acres of good land, in a good arable condition. It is situated on the northeast quarter of section 8. On the place is a comfortable house, 20 x 24 feet, one and a half stories high, and there is also a good equipment of farm buildings, etc. Mr. Schwager is a stockholder in the creamery association, of which he is secretary, being a competent official, for to him is due, in a great measure, the success of the business of the association. He keeps a dairy of sixteen cows.

December 30, 1875, he married Anna Wiebener, who has been an intelligent and efficient help in the affairs of the life of her husband, "looking well to the household." She was born in Holstein, Germany, and brought up there, and was eighteen years of age when she came to Scott county, Iowa. Her parents were Ehler and Margaretha (Franzen) Wiebener. Her father died in 1875, at the age of fifty years; and her mother is living with her. They had three children, viz.: John, in Cedar county, Iowa; Louisa, in Martin county; and Anna Schwager. Mr. Schwager, of this sketch, has six children, namely: Emma, Louise, George, Amanda, Willie and Harry, besides one deceased, Bernhardt, the fifth child, who died when he was fourteen months of age.

Mr. Schwager is a leading Democrat in

his community, has been Assessor for five years, and Clerk for the same length of time, serving in both capacities with credit and honor. He is in the prime of life, liberal in his feelings and cordial in his manner.

CHRISTOPHER KUNSMAN, a prosperous farmer residing on section 14, La Crosse township, Jackson county (postoffice Heron Lake), is a native of the Old World, born April 9, 1830, a son of Christopher and Catharine (Stone) Kunsman, both also natives of Europe. He was a babe when the family emigrated to America, settling in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, on the Delaware river, where the father died, at the age of fifty-two years; the mother departed this life at the age of forty-five years. The senior Kunsman, a farmer by occupation, was twice married. By the first wife there were three children, and by his second nine. Three of the sons were soldiers in the last war, namely: Christopher (our subject), Samuel and Henry.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch was reared on a farm and received a liberal education. In 1856 he went to Jackson county, Wisconsin, and resided at Black River Falls and Price's Hill, employed some at farming, but mostly at lumbering in the pine woods and in driving logs on the Black and Mississippi rivers.

September 22, 1864, he enlisted in the First Wisconsin Cavalry and participated in engagements in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, and was honorably discharged at Nashville.

Upon returning to Wisconsin he again engaged in the lumber business, but this time on his own account. In 1871 he came to Minnesota, with a wagon and horse team, and located upon a homestead of 160 acres, in La Crosse township, Jackson county, where he now lives. His first dwelling here was a frame building, 14 x 16 feet, now used as a granary and storehouse for tools. In 1892 he erected a modern structure, 16 x 24 feet in dimensions, with an L 16 x 21, upon a commanding situation where an inviting scenery is presented from all directions. The farm and farm buildings are all in good proportions and condition. There are a grove of three acres, an orchard, etc.

March 15, 1874, at Black River Falls, Mr. Kunsman married Miss Ellen McCallum, an accomplished lady of considerable education, born at Rockford, Illinois, and was four years of age when her people removed to Black River Falls, where she was reared and educated. Her father, David McCallum, a native of Scotland, born April 12, 1800, was twenty years of age when he came to this country, settling in New York, where he married Emeline Gaffin, who was born in Canada, near Niagara Falls. He was a carpenter by trade, but a lumberman most of his life, in Wisconsin and Illinois. In his religion he was a Methodist, and was a Steward of the church for fifteen years. He died at Black River Falls, at the age of seventy-three years; his surviving wife now resides at Grand Forks, North Dakota, aged eighty-five years. In their family were six children, namely: James, who died when a boy; Alva, who, as a soldier in the last war, was a member of Company G, Sixth Wisconsin Infantry, and died in 1883; John, who also as a soldier in the same war, was a member of Company G, Tenth Wisconsin Infantry, was in the army three years and three months, and now lives in Jackson county, Wisconsin; Anna Taft, Ellen Kuns-

man, and Nancy, deceased. Mr. Kunsman has four sons, viz.: Charles A., aged twenty years; David B., seventeen years; Henry W., thirteen; and Harry J., nine.

Mr. Kunsman, in his political principles, is a Democrat, and he is a member of B. F. Sweet Post, G. A. R., No. 149. Mrs. Kunsman is a member of the Relief Corps, of which she was for several years Secretary, and is now Junior Vice President. In religious belief the family are Methodists.

SOLOMON CANRIGHT, a farmer of section 26, Martin county, is a son of Solomon and Pamelia (Reacor) Canright, the former born in Ulster county, New York, in 1800, and the latter in Vermont in 1806. They were married in New York, and in 1846 located on an unimproved farm in Waukesha county, Wisconsin. In 1854 they sold that place and purchased another in the same county. Mr. Canright died in 1860, and his wife died in 1892. They were the parents of ten children, nine now living: Charles S., Franklin, John E., Francis A., Solomon, Nancy, Parmelia M., Irene R., and Emily. The latter is the wife of Jerome Canright. Three of the sons served in the Civil war,—John E., Francis A. and Solomon.

Solomon Canright, the subject of this sketch, was born in Ulster county, New York, January 11, 1842, and was four years of age when he moved with his father to Wisconsin. August 23, 1862, he enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company A, Twenty-eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the battle of Helena, in the capture of Little Rock, in an expedition from Pine Bluff, and in the battles of New Orleans, Mobile and Spanish Fort. He then remained in Texas until his discharge, in September, 1864, having never been off duty but once during his three-years service. Mr. Canright then remained at home until 1868, when he came to Minnesota and taught school several winters. In the spring of 1868 he located on his farm of 200 acres, then prairie land, but the place is now under a fine state of cultivation.

In 1881 Mr. Canright was united in marriage with Miss Frances A. Fowler, born in Hartford, Connecticut, September 13, 1853, a daughter of Holmes and Adeline (Parker) Fowler, natives also of that State. In 1857 they located in Westford township, Martin county, Minnesota, where they still reside. Mrs. Canright received her education in the district schools of this county, and was engaged in teaching twelve years. Our subject and wife have one son, Charles Holmes, born June 7, 1883. In his political relations, Mr. Canright acts with the Republican party. He has held the position of Township Clerk for ten years, Director of School District No. 15, and has always taken an active interest in school work.

ER. COOK, a prominent farmer near Wells, and a resident here since 1866, was born in Pennsylvania, October 28, 1852, a son of Daniel Cook, deceased, who was a prominent pioneer of this community, arriving here in 1866. The latter was a son of John Cook, a native of Pennsylvania and of an old Pennsylvania family. He was married in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1838, to Mary A. Herring, who was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1818, a daughter of Lewis Herring, also a native of the Keystone State.

Daniel Cook moved with his family to Clarion county, that State, in 1843, and in 1855 came to Houston county, Minnesota, where they arrived with only one $5 gold piece and a chest of tools, he being a carpenter. Subsequently he moved to Fillmore county, this State, and in 1866 came to Faribault county. Arriving here he took a homestead claim, where the subject of this sketch now lives, and resided here until his death, April 17, 1891. His wife departed this life April 7, 1891; they had been married fifty-three years. Of the eight children whom they brought up four are still living, namely: William H., who was a member of the Tenth Minnesota Infantry during the war of the Rebellion and is now a resident of Kansas; I. W. M., a prominent citizen of Walnut Lake township; Sarah Jane Hamlin, of Elliott, Montgomery county, Iowa; and E. R ., who is the immediate subject of this notice. The four deceased were Susanna, Daniel, Nancy Ellen, a babe unnamed, and Margaret, also an infant. The parents were active and zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Cook was a Republican, and had held office in Fillmore county, this State, and also in this township.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch was a lad of fourteen years when the family arrived here, and he grew up on a farm, according to the style of thirty years ago. He helped his father improve the place, and was trained meanwhile to the principles of industry and virtue generally. He now has a farm of 200 acres, which is one of the best in the township. It is situated four miles from Wells. His residence, farm buildings and grove are of good quality and neat appearance. He is a thrifty farmer.

December 14, 1875, he married Ella J. Tenney, a daughter and the eldest child of O. B. Tenney, of Lura township. Her people came here in 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have seven children, namely: Orin B., Vernon J., Jennie B., Floyd E., Nellie V., Sherman R. and Leroy.

Mr. Cook is a Republican, and he has been a member of the School Board. He is a popular and highly respected citizen. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church.

IRA RUSSELL, deceased, was a resident near Wells from 1876 to the time of his death in 1888. He was born at Bartlett, New Hampshire, January 13, 1804, a son of Thomas Russell, who was born at Andover, Massachusetts, and grandson of Thomas Russell, who was born on the sea while his parents, Scotch, were on their way to the United States of America. As he grew up he learned the trade of miller in his native village. In 1852, after his marriage, he moved to Lemont, Cook county, Illinois, near Chicago, where Mrs. Russell soon afterward died, of Asiatic cholera.

In 1860 he came to Freeborn county, Minnesota, where he was among the early settlers, opened a farm on new land, and followed agricultural pursuits there until 1876, when he came to Faribault county, purchasing the place, of 160 acres, where his surviving (second) wife now resides. He made a valuable farm, built a large frame house upon a good building site, planted a fine orchard, etc.

He was married, at the age of twenty-seven years, to Betsey B. Deering, and had nine children, namely: Ira Olcott, who was

a member of Company F, Fourth Minnesota Infantry, was wounded in the first battle, re-enlisted in the Veteran Reserve Corps, became First Sergeant, and lived after the war until the year 1885, when he died in St. Paul, this State. The other children by that marriage were: Annie R. Kelsey, Ruth Cleveland, Huldah Colvin, C. R. Derby, Walter S. (who was a member of Company C, Fifth Minnesota Infantry), and Charles Otis, a member of the same company and a veteran, besides two deceased. Mr. Russell's second marriage was to Eunice J. Lee, who still survives. She was born in Chautauqua county, New York, near Lake Erie, a daughter of Stephen Lee, who was a native of Connecticut and a soldier of the war of 1812. Her mother before marriage was Martha A. Bailey, also a native of the "Land of Steady Habits." This family moved in 1842 to Cook county, Illinois, being pioneers there. The father died in 1846, at the age of fifty-six years, leaving nine children: Jane, Zeruiah, Rebecca, Martha, Harriet, Ellen, Eunice J. (Mrs. Russell), George W. (who was a soldier in the late war, in Company F, Tenth Minnesota Infantry), and William D. (also a soldier, a member of Company G., Forty-second Illinois Infantry, and killed at Chickamauga). The mother of these children died at the residence of Mrs. Russell, at the age of eighty-five years, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a good Christian woman. By the second marriage there were six children, viz.: Eunice A., who became the wife of George W. Dewey, of Granite Falls, Minnesota; Winfield S., of Todd county, this State; Bessie J., who married Silas Crandall, of Otter Tail county; Edwin T., born in 1861, in Alden township, Freeborn county, and now residing upon the old farm with his mother, was married in 1890 to Nettie May Dickens, and has three children,—Clara A., George T. and Joel A.; George L., of Walnut Lake township; and Amzi O., of this county, near Wells.

Mr. Ira Russell, the subject of this sketch, died October 22, 1888, in his eighty-fifth year, a good citizen and an affectionate husband and father. Mrs. Russell was assistant Postmistress of Buckeye post office in Freeborn county, having charge of the office during the late war. She has many warm and true friends among a wide circle of acquaintances, and all her children have been well trained and educated.

JOHN BALDWIN, the efficient and popular Register of Deeds of Jackson county has filled this office for three successive terms,—a fact which indicates fidelity to duty and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens. He is a man of sterling worth, and with pleasure we present to our readers this record of his life, knowing that it will be received with interest by many.

Mr. Baldwin claims Canada as the land of his nativity, for he was born in Waterloo, in the province of Ontario, December 30, 1844. His parents were William and Mary (Schlichter) Baldwin, and the family is of Irish lineage. The paternal grandfather was a native of the Emerald Isle and in early manhood bade adieu to home and friends, preparatory to emigrating to the New World. He took up his residence in New York, where the father of our subject was born and subsequently removed to Canada. Mrs. Baldwin's people were originally Pennsylvania Dutch, but she was born in Canada and departed this life in Dubuque, Iowa, in

March, 1885, at the age of sixty-nine years. In 1846 William Baldwin left Canada and moved to Saginaw City, Michigan, where he made his home for six years, going in 1853 to Dubuque county, Iowa, where his life's labors were ended, his death occurring in 1860. His family numbered the following children: Isaac Waltingham, who died February 12, 1895; Samuel and Jacob, deceased; Carrie, wife of N. J. Leyten; John William; Elizabeth, wife of John Loes; Charles, Jared and Stephen. The surviving members of the family are all living in the United States.

John Baldwin started out in life for himself at the age of sixteen years and has since been dependent upon his own resources, so that whatever success he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own efforts. At the age of eighteen he secured a clerkship in the store of J. W. Dillrance, of Canton, Iowa, with whom he continued for seven years,—a most trusted and faithful employee. He afterward served as foreman in a railroad camp of the Northwestern Railroad Company, working under Carmichael & Brooks, the well-known contractors. He was connected with railroad work for three years altogether, after which he came to Minnesota, locating in Stewartville, Olmsted county, in 1874. He engaged in contracting along various lines, but mostly in clearing land. His arrival in Jackson county was in March, 1879, at which time he purchased eighty acres of land in Minnesota township on section 25. He then devoted his attention and energies to the cultivation and improvement of his farm, making his home with Mr. Gillis, whose farm adjoined his own. He was quite successful in his agricultural pursuits and his well developed land yielded to him a good income.

Mr. Baldwin has filled several public offices and has done effective service for the community while serving as County Commissioner. In the spring of 1886 he was appointed to that position, and the following fall was elected as the County Commissioner from the first district. In the fall of 1888 he was elected Register of Deeds of Jackson county and removed to the county seat, where he has since lived. In 1890 he was re-elected, again in 1892, and for the fourth time was the people's choice for that office in 1894. No higher testimonial of his fidelity could be given than the fact of his re-election, and for six years he has filled the office with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat and warmly advocates his party's principles. In his social relations he is a Mason, belonging to Good Faith Lodge, No. 90, F. & A. M. He was initiated into the mysteries of the order in Dubuque county, Iowa, in 1868, becoming a member of Cascade Lodge, and on coming to Jackson county he joined the lodge with which he is now connected and of which he has been Treasurer for three years. He is also a member of Des Moines Valley Lodge, No. 56, I. O. O. F., and the Ancient Order of United Workmen,—a popular and honored member of all these societies. During his residence in Minnesota he has ever lived so as to merit the high regard in which he is held, and his friends have been won by a straight-forward, honorable life.

AUGUST JULIUS RIGENHAGEN, whose postoffice address is Monroe, Minnesota, is one of the prosperous German farmers of Martin county. He was born in Christophswalde, near Gust

and Lansberg, in the province of Brandenburg, Germany, July 31, 1843, his parents being Godfrey and Caroline (Simpson) Rigenhagen. His father was born in 1807 and died in 1887; and his mother died in the fall of 1882, at the age of eighty years. The children of that worthy couple were seven in number, namely: Wilhelm, born in 1834, married Johannah Seabort, and has one child, Minnie; Caroline, born in 1837, died at the age of six years; Ferdinand, born in 1840, married Paulina Tando and reared a family of fourteen children, his death occurring in Germany in 1885; Augustus Julius, whose name heads this article; Robert, born in 1846, died in Germany at the age of thirty-eight years, leaving a widow and two children; Gustaa, born in 1849, died at the age of twenty years; and Frantz, born in 1852, is married and has a family of five children,

Mr. Rigenhagen was induced to emigrate to America by his brother-in-law, Peter Nessen, who had established his home in the United States and who was then on a visit to Germany. It was in April, 1876, that our subject landed in New York with his family, and from there at once proceeded to Clinton county, Iowa. There he worked for wages for about four years, after which he rented a farm of 130 acres and lived on it until March, 1885, when he came to Martin county, Minnesota. The first year of his residence in Martin county Mr. Rigenhagen rented an eighty-acre tract of Albert Castle, and in 1886 bought of Christopher Peterson, of Fairmont, eighty-acres, the west half of the northwest quarter of section 36, township 104, range 32, and at once moved upon this farm. In the spring of 1891 he built his present residence and the following year erected his barn. In 1892 he also bought the southwest quarter of section 26, same township and range, and now has 240 acres, all of which has been broken. Four acres have been planted for a grove. At this writing the place is stocked with sixty-eight hogs, eighteen cattle, and eleven horses.

Mr. Rigenhagen was married May 21, 1869, to Mari Christine, daughter of Edwin and Mary (Meekleson) Nesser, and born in Weiboll Wedsted Sogn in Schleswig. Her parents are both deceased, her father passing away, in 1892, at the age of eighty years; her mother, in 1862, at the age of fifty-three years. A record of Edwin Nessen's children is as follows: Jergen, born February 1, 1842; Peter, August 1, 1843; Mary Christina, October 16, 1845; and Christopher Frederick, July 7, 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Rigenhagen have had seven children, namely: Mary, born July 16, 1869, died January 12, 1892; Edwin, born August 3, 1871; Johannah Caroline, August 2, 1874; Godfrey, September 18, 1876; Anna Katrina, May 23, 1879; Wilhelmina, June 8, 1883; and Dorothea, May 23, 1890.

Mr. Rigenhagen votes with the Republican party. He has served as School Director of District No. 88 for four years, and is still filling that position.

AUGUST CORNELIUS GROTH, one of the Americanized German farmers of Martin county, Minnesota, was born in Holstein, Germany, October 26, 1833. He is a son of John Frederick and Anna Dorothea (Clausen) Groth, both natives of Germany; the former, born in 1803, died at Chicago, in March, 1866, and the latter, born October 1, 1804, died at Chicago, February 3,

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1892. They had a family as follows: Johann, who emigrated to America in 1850, died of cholera in Chicago, September 17, 1867; August Cornelius; John, who went to Australia some years ago and all traces of him have been lost; Riemer, who died at the age of fourteen years; Heinrich, who came to America in 1863, is now engaged in mining in Los Angeles, California, and George, a resident of Chicago, married the widow of his brother Johann, and they have two children.

August C. Groth bade adieu to his native land May 28, 1864, and landed at New York on the fourteenth of the following month. He at once proceeded to Chicago, where his brother lived, and there engaged in work at his trade, that of blacksmith, in the Gates Machine Shops. At Christmas he severed his connection with that company, and entered the employ of Heinrich Binder, with whom he remained two months. March 6, 1865, he opened his own blacksmith shop at No. 799 South Halstead street, Chicago, and continued in business there for a period of fifteen years. At the end of that time he rented a hay farm of 380 acres near Chicago, and conducted it until his coming to Minnesota. It was in 1883 that he purchased his present farm of W. T. Hansen. This purchase comprises the northeast quarter of section 35, township 104 (Galena), range 32, Martin county. On the third of April, 1884, he moved here, and has since continued to reside on this farm. On the night of January 1, 1887, his house took fire and burned down, the supposed cause of the fire being a defective flue. This disaster caused a total loss, but immediately afterward he erected his present residence. Recently, in the fall of 1894, he added forty acres to his original purchase,—the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 26, same township and range; and of this 200 acres he has about 130 broken. His farm is stocked with twenty-seven head of hogs, twenty of cattle and nine of horses. Four and a half acres of the land are covered with timber.

Mr. Groth was married November 14, 1858, to Anna Katrina Hellms, who was born May 12, 1834, daughter of Peter and Anna Dorothea (Johansen) Hellms. Her father died in 1860, at the age of eighty years; her mother in February, 1892, aged eighty-six years. In their family were the following named children: Martha, Andrew, Anna Katrina, Buoy, and Sophia. Mr. and Mrs. Groth have a family as follows: Dorothea, born March 31, 1859, is the wife of August Rath and lives in Chicago; John Peter, born April 15, 1862, is engaged in farming in this county, he and his wife, *nee* Miss Mary Stusse, having four children,—George, Theodore, Katrina, and August; August George, born January 9, 1864; Henry, born July 22, 1870; Burnhardt, born August 7, 1872, died July, 1873; Sophia, born April 14, 1874; Annie Mary, born September 17, 1876; and Martha Augusta Christina, born February 1, 1878.

Mr. Groth is in harmony with the principles advocated by the Republican party, and is a member of the Lutheran church.

HON. ANDREW CLARKSON DUNN, the first actual settler of Winnebago City, and the pioneer lawyer of Faribault county, Minnesota, was born in New York city, October 9, 1834.

He is a son of Nathaniel Dunn, who was for forty years an eminent educator, being

the first principal of the Wilbraham Academy of Massachusetts, and for many years Professor of Chemistry in Rutger Female College in New York city. The Dunns are an old Maine family, and of Scotch descent. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Charlotte Tillinghast, the family being prominent in Rhode Island, to which State they came from England about 1642. She was a woman of rare literary attainments, and, like her husband, was an eminent teacher. He died in 1889, at the ripe old age of eighty-nine years. She died early in life, the date of her death being 1838. In their family were three children, two of whom are now living,—Mary, now Mrs. Rushmore, of New York city, and Andrew C.

Mr. Dunn was educated by his father, and commenced reading law at an early age, under the instructions of Edward Sanford, Esq., and also Judge Campbell, of New York city, and for some time taught school at Fordham, New York. In April, 1854, he came to Minnesota, and was admitted to the bar in the autumn of that year, at a term of Territorial Supreme Court held at St. Paul. He practiced his profession for a few months at Sauk Rapids, and then located in St. Paul, where he was in practice for nearly two years.

He was one of the original proprietors of Winnebago City, locating the land on which the village is built, in 1856, at the United States Land Office at Chatfield, Minnesota, and building the first house on the site. He assisted in the organization of the county into townships, under an appointment from Governor Sibley. At the time the village was laid out there were not a hundred people in Faribault county, and there was but one house between this place and Albert Lea, a distance of forty miles. Strolling Indians of the Sioux and Winnebago tribes were mnch more numerous than white men. The nearest post office was at Mankato, thirty miles to the north, and directly west the nearest post office was on the Pacific coast. Provisions were hauled from Independence, Iowa, a distance of 140 miles. Mr. Dunn also helped lay out the village of Sauk Rapids, in 1854, and assisted in surveying the site of the present prosperous city of St. Cloud.

He was Secretary of the first State Senate, which convened on the 2d of September, 1857, and which finally adjourned August 12, 1858, having in the interim a rest of a few weeks. This position brought him in contact with the leading men of the State at that period, and he is well posted as to the status of Minnesota's statesmen of that time. He was Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives in 1864–5–6, and was one of the Clerks in the House in the old Territorial days. In 1880 he was elected to represent Faribault county in the lower house of the Legislature, and served in the sessions of 1881 and 1882, the most notable in the history of the State, made so by the final settlement of the $5,000,000-railroad-bond question, and the impeachment of Judge E. St. Julian Cox, in which famous trial Mr. Dunn was one of the managers on the part of the House of Representatives. He has also held various local offices, having been County Attorney for two or three terms, and has done much valuable work as a member of the local School Board.

In politics, Mr. Dunn was a Democrat in early life, a war Democrat while the civil strife reigned in the South, and since then has acted with the Republican party, and is one of its most able supporters in the State.

Although he still, as in time past, takes an active interest in public affairs, and occupies a high place in the councils of his party, he can hardly be called, in the common acceptance of that word, a politician. Possessing, as he does, ample ability and patriotism for true statesmanship, he is too honest, outspoken and independent, and lacks that obsequiousness which brings success to the mere politician. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having attained the degree of Knight Templar, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which society he has been Superintendent of the Sabbath-school for nearly a quarter of a century.

Mr. Dunn has gradually built up an extensive law practice, and has long stood at the head of the Faribault county bar. Not only this, but his practice in recent years has brought him in contact with the most learned members of the profession in the State, and he is acknowledged and recognized as one of the leading lawyers of Minnesota. Thoroughly learned in law, always a student as well as a practitioner, with not only a quick but also a comprehensive mind, earnest in his convictions, able in his assertions of them, and devoted to the interests intrusted in his keeping, he has few superiors as an able advocate and thorough lawyer. In speaking, he is ready, forcible and graceful, not only entertaining his hearers but also impressing upon them his convictions. His legal business is extensive and lucrative, and a considerable portion of his attention, professionally, is taken up with railroad work. Besides attending to his large legal business, he finds time for rest and recreation in superintending the cultivation of his farm near the village, where he is somewhat extensively engaged in raising grain and stock.

January 1, 1859, Mr. Dunn married Miss Diana Jane Smith, a native of Mount Vernon, Knox county, Ohio, and daughter of Colonel B. F. Smith, of Blue Earth county, Minnesota. Only three of their seven children are now living, viz.: Mary Tillinghast, wife of Prof. F. A. Molyneaux, now of California; Alice Hope and Andrew Paul.

HENRY CONRAD, who is one of the best known and most highly honored farmers of Faribault county, Minnesota, retains his residence on section 9, Kiester township, and he enjoys the distinction of being a pioneer of the county, having been the first settler in the township mentioned.

Mr. Conrad is a native of the grand old Empire State, being a lineal descendant of Holland Dutch ancestors, who in the infancy of our republic came across the water and settled in the fertile Mohawk valley, which they made to "blossom as the rose." It was there that for generations his ancestors lived and died. Our subject was born in Oswego county, on the 4th of October, 1829, being one of the six children granted to the union of Frederick and Matilda (Meyers) Conrad. Five of the children are now living, namely: George, who is also a resident of Kiester township; Catharine, wife of Ezra Oliphant, of Kiester township; Eliza, wife of Mr. Scriber, of New York State; Henry, the immediate subject of this review; and Elias, who is a resident of Wells, this county.

The father, Frederick Conrad, was a native of Canada, although, save for a brief period during his infancy, his life was spent in the State of New York,—principally in

Oswego, Onondaga and Madison counties, in the last-named of which his death occurred. He had attained the venerable age of eighty years, having survived his wife, who died at the age of fifty.

Henry Conrad remained a resident of his native State until he had attained the age of twenty-five years, when he started out in life for himself, first devoting himself assiduously to acquiring the trade of carpenter and builder. In 1854 he went to Chicago, where for a year he was engaged in bridge work. Later on he settled in Brown county, Wisconsin, being employed at his trade there for the period of about one year, and from that time,—with the exception of several visits to his old home in New York State,—he continued to live in Wisconsin up to the year 1866. In the spring of that year he came to Minnesota in search of a place where he might make his home and settle down for life. He finally secured land in Kiester township, whose soil as yet had never been furrowed by the plowshare, and here took up his abode, there being no other settler for miles around. He built a small frame house and started in to subdue the wild prairie. Successful in his endeavors from the first, he added from time to time to the original tract of 160 acres which he had purchased from the Government, until he is the owner now of 560 acres of magnificent farming land, with buildings which are models of comfort and convenience. He has on his place a windmill for grinding grain, barns which will accommodate fully seventy-five head of stock, and all the equipments and accessories necessary for the successful operation of a large and well improved farm. Surrounding the home buildings is a fine grove of sixteen acres, and the entire property bears a marked and perpetual evidence of the ability and energy of its owner, being also a credit to the county in which it is located.

In his political affiliations Mr. Conrad has beeh a stanch supporter of the Republican party since the time of its organization. He has not allowed his private interests and affairs to hedge in his field of endeavor, but has taken active part in furthering the substantial advancement of the county of which he is an honored resident. Always alive to the interests of his township, he has been called upon to serve in positions of public trust. In 1867 he became one of the Supervisors of Seeley and Kiester townships, serving in that capacity for a number of years, and after Kiester township was set off by itself he served as its Supervisor for several terms,—until about ten years ago, when he felt that the burden and responsibility should rest upon younger shoulders, and consequently retired from active participation in public affairs.

When the nation was plunged into the desperate fratricidal conflict, the late war of the Rebellion, our subject was one of those who took up arms and went forth in defense of his country. He enlisted as a member of Company F, Third Wisconsin Cavalry, and saw active field service for a period of two years. He received his discharge at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in October, 1865.

On the 15th of December, 1854, Mr. Conrad was united in marriage at Chittenango, Madison county, New York, to Miss Sophia Cooley. They have eight children living, namely: Jerome H., of Wells, this county; Fred G., of the village of Kiester; Laura E., wife of H. E. Ringer, of Lake Mills, Iowa; Willard, of Kiester; Webster, of Seeley township; Edgar A. and Curtis

R., of Kiester; and Delbert N., at home. For the past quarter of a century Mr. and Mrs. Conrad have been consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with whose interests they have actively identified themselves.

CHARLES B. ROUSE, of section 14, Hunter township (postoffice Lakefield), is one of the well known citizens of the county. He is a native of Rensselaer county, New York, born March 14, 1830, a son of Jonathan Rouse, Jr., who was born at Pottstown, New York, and was a teamster for the United States Government in the war of 1812, hauling supplies for the troops. His father, Jonathan Rouse, Sr., was of Holland Dutch stock, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The maiden name of the mother of Charles B. Rouse was Candace Butler. Before marriage she was a popular teacher in the State of Massachusetts. She was born near Lowell, Massachusetts, a daughter of Jonathan Butler, who was a native of that State of Irish parentage, and was of a prominent family of Massachusetts. Jonathan Butler was killed in the woods, when his daughter, Mrs. Rouse, was a young girl, and she was brought up by Oliver Edgerton. Jonathan Rouse and Miss Candace Butler were married December 8, 1819, by Rev. Jonathan Grant, of Massachusetts, and had eight children. The father died June 30, 1856, at the age of seventy-two years, at East Albany, New York. By occupation he was a farmer, and in politics a Whig. His wife died in 1878, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. She was at first a Presbyterian and later a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Charles B. Rouse was brought up on a New York farm, receiving a common-school education. At the age of twenty-three years he went to Connecticut, where for a year he was in the employ of Seth Thomas, the famous clock man, at Thomastown. He then came West to Wisconsin, and a short time afterward, in 1855, to Fillmore county, Minnesota. He spent one season on the Mississippi river, then was in Illinois for a time, and on the plains for a season.

June 26, 1861, early during the war period, he enlisted in the Second Minnesota Infantry for three years, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Kenesaw mountain; was wounded three times,—once in the side, at Chickamauga; once on the head; at Missionary Ridge a ball struck below the elbow, which he still carries. June 26, 1864, precisely at the termination of the period for which he had enlisted, he was honorably discharged.

Returning to Fillmore county he remained there a short time, and then came to Martin county, where he lived five years. Next he moved to Faribault county, this State, locating near Winnebago City, on the farm of Hon. A. H. Bullis, until 1879, when he came to Jackson county, settling first on the Minor farm, and in September, 1882, he located upon his present place, three miles and a half south of town, where he now has eighty acres of land, a residence 13 x 22 feet in dimensions, one and a half stories high, with an L 12 x 14 feet, a full equipment of outbuildings and a good grove of seven acres. He and his sons are engaged in stock-raising, having some Hereford cattle and other stock.

August 30, 1865, he was united in mar-

riage with Miss Margaret Orr, daughter of Robert Orr, a native of Ohio, and of Scotch ancestry. The latter married Ann Johnston, a native of Scotland. Mrs. Rouse was five years of age when her parents emigrated to this country, settling at Wabash, Indiana. Two years later they moved to Fillmore county, Minnesota, locating in Pilot Mound township, and later removed to Faribault county, settling near Winnebago City, where the father died, in December, 1881. Mrs. Rouse's mother lives at La Crosse, Wisconsin, now aged eighty-one years. In that family were three sons and six daughters. Three of the daughters are highly esteemed school-teachers. In the family of Charles B. Rouse, our subject, were eight children, seven of whom are living, namely: William H. and Willma H., twins; Heman H., Maud E., Elizabeth L., Nellie R., Charles O. and Earl R. Willma H. has been a popular teacher for a number of years in this county, and is now a missionary in China, under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Maud E. died at the age of two years; and Elizabeth is a successful teacher in this county.

Mr. Rouse is a Republican, has been Township Clerk, member of the School Board for a number of years; Township Treasurer, and is a member of John A. Myers Post, No. 60, G. A. R., at Jackson. The family are very highly esteemed throughout the community.

WILLIAM BROWN, deceased, one of the pioneers of Faribault, county, Minnesota, was born in Lincolnshire, England, in June, 1832, and was reared to farm life, receiving only a limited education. After attaining his majority he emigrated to America and for a short time sojourned in Michigan and Illinois. In 1858, in company with Mr. Thomas Allen, he came to Minnesota and took up his abode on Elm creek in Nashville township, Martin county, where he remained a few years. From there he came to Faribault county and homesteaded 160 acres in sections 8 and 9, and commenced to improve and cultivate his land. Subsequently he bought sixty acres more, making in all 220 acres.

In December, 1863, he enlisted in Company H, Second Minnesota Cavalry, and served during the Indian troubles until April 28, 1866, when he was honorably discharged. Returning to his claim, he resumed farming and continued thus occupied until the time of his death, March 4, 1881. He was prospered in his farming operations, and whatever of success he achieved in life came through his own industry, as he started out when a young man with no capital save his willing hand and strong arm. Politically, he endorsed the Republican party, but in no sense of the word was he a politician.

Mr. Brown was married December 3, 1866, to Miss Ann Bottomley, a native of England and a daughter of Robert and Ann (Kenworthy) Bottomley. She was born near Manchester, in 1843, and her father and mother were both natives of that part of England. In their family were ten children, six of whom reached adult age, viz.: Mary, James, Thomas K., Seth, William and Ann. The father was a cloth dresser. During the Civil war in America many of the factories in and around Manchester closed or worked on short time, and, labor being scarce, and wages low, the Bottomley family drifted to America. Thomas

K. came first and settled in Missouri, but on account of his sympathy with the Union cause he was obliged to leave there on short notice. He then came to Minnesota, and in Martin county he and his brother Seth still reside, both being well-known and highly respected citizens. Mrs. Bottomley, the mother, died in England, but the father came to America, and his death occurred in Minnesota in 1864. Mrs. Brown came to this country in 1863, and for two years and a half worked in a woolen factory in Massachusettes, as a weaver, she having learned that trade at Staley Bridge, near Manchester, in a cotton factory. In May, 1866, she came west to keep house for her brothers, William and Thomas, in Martin county. After her marriage to Mr. Brown, as above recorded, they settled on the farm where she and her family now live. They became the parents of six children, viz.: George W., now of Kansas; Mary R., a teacher; and Thomas, Estella, Allen and Alice, at home.

On the death of Mr. Brown, Mrs. Brown was left with her children to care for and with the farm somewhat encumbered, as the sixty acres had been bought with borrowed money. The task of rearing and educating her family and of superintending the cultivation of the large farm was no small undertaking, but this she has accomplished; and not only this, but she has also paid off all the indebtedness and erected the nice residence she and her family occupy, as well as having built barns and made other improvements. She is a woman of more than ordinary intelligence, is well posted on the questions of the day, and in her wide circle of warm friends she is highly appreciated for her many amiable and noble qualities.

The family are members of the United Brethren Church.

THOMAS ROBINSON, who is well known throughout Martin, Faribault and Blue Earth counties, has been identified with southern Minnesota since 1862. A brief sketch of his life is as follows:

Thomas Robinson was born in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, January 14, 1847, son of Joseph Robinson, a native of Perry county, Pennsylvania. The latter's father, also named Joseph, was of Irish parentage. The younger Joseph Robinson was reared and educated in his native State, and was there married to Jane McCaulley, a native of Blair county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of William and Mary McCaulley. In 1857 he came west with his family, making the journey by steamboat down the Ohio river, then up the Mississippi to Hastings, Minnesota, and from there by team to Northfield, Rice county, this State, where he settled on a tract of wild land and where he remained until the fall of 1862. At that time he removed his family to Faribault county and took a homestead claim on section 6 in Winnebago City township. Here he made his home until his death, which occurred shortly afterward, in 1864, at the age of fifty-four years. His wife's death preceded his, she being forty-two at the time of her decease. They had a large family of children, of whom we make record as follows: Margaret Hoover; Elizabeth; William, deceased; Andrew; John; Thomas, whose name heads this article; George, a resident of Lake Crystal, Minnesota; Elihu, of California; B. F., a farmer of Faribault county; Joseph, of Elliott, Iowa; and A. B., a merchant of Nashville, Martin county, Minnesota. Three of the sons,—William, Andrew and John,—were in the Union army. The father was engaged in agricultural pursuits

all his life; in politics, was first a Whig and later a Republican, and in religion was a Baptist.

Thomas Robinson spent the first ten years of his life in Pennsylvania, and at the time his father removed to Faribault county he was fifteen. After their father's death, he and his sister Elizabeth took charge of the younger children, three of the older brothers, as above stated, being in the army. In 1877 Mr. Robinson settled on the farm he still owns and occupies. This farm comprises sixty acres; is well improved with comfortable cottage, barn and other farm buildings, and five-acre grove; and is located in Blue Earth county.

Mr. Robinson was married January 29, 1880, to Ella Burrows, a native of Goodhue county, Minnesota, and a daughter of Henry and Abigail (Babcock) Burrows, of Martin county, this State. She is one of a family of three children, the others being Carrie, a music teacher of California, and L. G. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have six children, viz.: Theron L., Clarence Elmer, Lee W., Carrie Belle, Chauncy and Hope. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian Church, and in politics he is a Prohibitionist.

B F. ROBINSON, one of the prosperous farmers of Winnebago City township, Faribault county, Minnesota, post-office address Nashville Center, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of this county. He was born in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, son of Joseph and Jane (McCaulley) Robinson, both now deceased. When quite small he came to Minnesota with his parents, first locating in Rice county and a few years later coming to Faribault county. Here his father took a homestead claim, and on this farm Mr. B. F. Robinson still resides, having added to it until it now comprises 245 acres, one of the best farms in Winnebago City township. He has a story-and-a-half residence, a barn that is 40x46 feet in dimensions, and has a fine grove of eight acres, everything about the premises giving evidence of thrift and prosperity.

Mr. Robinson was married at the age of twenty-three years to Miss A. J. Lathrop, daughter of D. Z. Lathrop, and they have four children,—Hugh, Martha, Mark and Burr.

Fraternally, Mr. Robinson is identified with the I. O. O. F., No. 97, and politically he is a Republican. He is a man in the prime of life, is frank and genial, and has hosts of friends.

ABSALON ERDAHL, an honored citizen of Faribault county, is prominently connected with its political history and is now acceptably filling the office of Register of Deeds. As he is so widely and favorably known in this community we feel assured that this record of his life will prove of interest to many of our readers.

A native of Norway, he was born near Bergen on the 18th of December, 1858, and is a son of Andrew Absalonson and Carry (Nelson) Erdahl, who also were born in the same locality. The father followed agricultural pursuits and engaged in dealing in live stock during his residence in his native land. April 27, 1861, he bade adieu to his old home, and, accompanied by his family, emigrated to America, landing in Quebec, Canada, whence he made his way to Wisconsin, settling in Dane county on or about

July 25th, same year, where he engaged in farming and other work. He there made his home until 1864, at which time he came to Faribault county, where he has since made his home, devoting his time and energies to the cultivation of his farm and to the raising of a good grade of stock. In the family were four children,—Absalon, Nels, Eli, who died in infancy, and Andrew.

Mr. Erdahl, whose name heads this record, was a child of only three summers when brought by his parents to the New World and was a lad of but six years when he came to Minnesota. Here he has since resided and has witnessed the greater part of the growth and development of Faribault county. He became familiar with the common branches of learning in the public schools, and under the parental roof he continued until he had attained his majority. At that time he assumed the management of the home farm and his administration brought about an excellent state of affairs. The land was well cultivated, good improvements were made and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicated the careful supervision of the manager.

Mr. Erdahl was called from the farm to public office in 1890, when he was elected County Register of Deeds for a two-years term, and so well did he discharge the duties of the office that he was re-elected not only for a second but also for a third term, which will continue up to 1896. He has also served as Town Clerk of the town of Emerald from 1882 to 1890, and Justice of the Peace from 1885 to 1889. On May 21, 1890, he was appointed Census Enumerator by Herbert J. Miller, Supervisor of Census for First District of Minnesota, for the enumeration district No. 79, comprising township 102, range 26, town of Emerald. In these various positions he has discharged the duties devolved upon him with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

On the 29th of June, 1884, Mr. Erdahl wedded Samuline Gudahl, a native of Norway, who came to this country in 1880 with her parents, Colben and Sigrid Gudahl. By their union have been born seven children: Anders, Carl, Carry, who died in infancy, Albert, Selmer, Clara Emelia and Leonard.

In his social relations Mr. Erdahl is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and in his political views he is a Republican. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran Church, and are highly respected citizens of this community whose friends are many. Having been a resident of Faribault county for thirty years, Mr. Erdahl has been an eye witness of most of its growth and progress, and has every taken a commendable interest in its upbuilding, sustaining his part as a valued citizen.

MOSES SAILOR, a retired farmer, was the first white man who came to Faribault county to settle, and has lived on the same tract of land for about forty years.

He was born in Monroe county, Ohio, October 2, 1808, when that country was almost a wilderness, his parents, Jacob and Ester (Crow) Sailor, being among the pioneers of Ohio. His grandfather, John Sailor, came from Germany to this country before the Revolutionary war and settled in Pennsylvania, subsequently moving to Virginia, where he died. Jacob Sailor was a soldier in the war of 1812. Moses spent his youth in assisting to clear and improve a heavily timbered farm in Ohio, and resided with his parents in 1832, when he sought a

more western home and took up his abode in Elkhart county, Indiana, settling in the woods and again beginning the task of clearing a farm. In this undertaking he succeeded and he continued to reside there until 1854 That year he once more turned his face toward the setting sun. Arrived at Nashua, Iowa, he left his family there, while he started out on foot to find a desirable location, and, after walking over a hundred miles, he finally decided upon Faribault county. He here filed his claim, then went back to Iowa for his family, and in April, 1855, they made permanent settlement in this county.

Mr. Sailor was married in 1832, to Miss Mary Miller, a native of Monroe county, Ohio, and a daughter of Jacob and Bettie (Martin) Miller. This union resulted in the birth of ten children, nine of whom lived to be grown, and eight survive, namely: Rebecca, wife of Jesse Faulkner, of Blue Earth county, Minnesota; Abel, a farmer of Faribault county; Jacob, also a farmer of this county; Ester, wife of Alexander Johnson, of Colorado; Amanda, wife of Samuel Sailor, of this county; Daniel, of this county; William, a resident of Colorado; Roxana, deceased, was the wife of Levi Billings; and Manuel, of Faribault county. The mother of these children died in Elkhart county, Indiana, in 1849. February 5, 1869, Mr. Sailor married Mrs. Nancy Faulkner, widow of John Faulkner, by whom she had three children, the only one now living being Mary, wife of Philip Miller. Mrs. Sailor's maiden name was Morris, and she is a native of Monroe county, Ohio.

When Mr. Sailor came to Faribault county its only inhabitants were Indians and wild animals, and for some time his nearest market was Cedar Falls, Iowa, the trips to that place being made with ox teams and the time required to go and come being from six to ten days. Now, at the age of eighty-seven years, Mr. Sailor retains to a remarkable degree the mental and physical vigor of his youth. He has by his honorable and upright dealing with his fellow men won their confidence and esteem, and few men in the county have a wider circle of friends, both among the old and the young, than has this venerable pioneer. He has seen the county grow up from a wilderness to one of the most thickly populated and prosperous counties in the State. He has always been a stanch Democrat, and for eight years served as County Commissioner. At this writing his descendants number over a hundred.

JACOB SAILOR, a farmer and stock-raiser, section 29, Blue Earth City township, Faribault county, Minnesota, is the second son and third child of the venerable Moses Sailor, of whom prominent mention is made in this volume.

He was born in Elkhart county, Indiana, April 14, 1836, and was reared on his father's frontier farm in that State. In 1854 he came west with his parents to Iowa, and in 1855 to Faribault county, Minnesota. He assisted his father in opening up the new farm upon which they located, and remained at home until he attained his majority. Then he worked out and obtained money with which to pre-empt 160 acres of Government land where he now resides. To this tract he subsequently added until now his farm comprises 225 acres, which he has under a high state of cultivation and well improved with good buildings and various conveniences. Indeed the improvements on his

farm are among the best in the county. His barn is 38x65 feet; granary, 16x32 feet; and his windmill is used both for pumping water and for grinding feed for stock.

Mr. Sailor was first married June 11, 1858, to Miss Sarah Schidiler, a native of Athens county, Ohio, and a daugher of Joshua Schidiler, who was born in Indiana. She died May 18, 1871, leaving a family of four children, namely: Hattie, who became the wife of J. B. Maginnis, and died leaving two children, Clemmen and Sidney; Clement, a resident of Montana; Clinton, who married Stella Woolery and has two children, Howard and Madge; and Prudence, wife of Fred Jackson, has one child, Anna. April 23, 1875, Mr. Sailor married Amelia Behre, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of William Behre, who came to this country from Prussia and is now a resident of Blue Earth City township. By his present wife Mr. Sailor has two children,—Charlotta and Maynard.

He is truly a self-made man, having by his own industry and good management accumulated a nice property. Politically, he is a Democrat. Mrs. Sailor is a member of the Baptist church.

EUGENE RUCKER, Clerk of the Courts of Jackson county and a popular and highly respected citizen of the county seat, was born in Pleasant Grove, Olmsted county, Minnesota, and is a son of Robert Henry and Sarah Ann (Honeston) Rucker. The grandfather, Jonathan Patterson Rucker, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, in 1808, and died March 22, 1872. At the age of twenty-five he left the Old Dominion and located in Richland county, Ohio, where he remained until 1848, then moved to Indiana and remained there until 1854, when he came to Minnesota, becoming one of the earliest settlers of Olmsted county. He pre-empted a tract of wild land, three and a half miles northeast of Pleasant Grove, and began the development of a farm which he made one of the valuable properties of this region. He married Antoinette Cawthon, and they had the following children: Mary, wife of John B. Adamson; Robert Henry, father of our subject; Susan, wife of Robert Tait; Thadeus; Martha Jane, wife of Joseph Tait; Virginia, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Samuel and William. The great-grandfather of Eugene Rucker was born in Virginia, while his father was a native of Germany and became the founder of the family in America. On the maternal side the subject of our sketch is of Irish lineage. The grandfather, Thomas Hueston, was a native of the Emerald Isle, born in county Derry, in the north of Ireland, and crossing the Atlantic to this country when a boy settled in New York, near Albany, and was there married to Helen McKune, a native of county Down, north Ireland. Directly after his marriage he removed to Ontario, Canada, where he remained until 1857, when he came to Pleasant Grove, Minnesota, and there died in 1883.

When Eugene Rucker was a child of three years he went to live with his paternal grandfather, with whom he continued until his tenth year. He then returned to the home of his father, who had secured a claim on section 22, Hunter township, Jackson county. In 1872 his father married Mrs. Carrie (Allbaugh) Malanthy, who by her former marriage had a daughter, Cora, now the wife of Christ Burmister of Heron Lake, Minnesota. By his first marriage Mr.

Rucker became the father of three children, namely: Jonathan P., who was born December 25, 1859, and is now in the employ of the United States Express Company at Omaha, Nebraska; Levi, who was born December 20, 1860, and is now engaged in farming near Oakland, Iowa; and Eugene, who was born April 19, 1862. By the second marriage the following children have been born: William Henry, Effie May, Antoinette, Belle and Jay.

We now turn our attention to the personal history of Eugene Rucker, who is well deserving of mention in this volume. He remained with his father until the spring of 1873, when the father removed to Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where he purchased land and carried on farming until 1884, when he sold out his farm and stock and returned to Minnesota. Before selling his farm, however, he offered to give Engene a deed to 80 acres of the farm, together with a team, harness and wagon and farm implements sufficient to work the land, providing he (Eugene) would settle down on the farm and care for the balance of the homestead. But Eugene, having his mind made up to go to school, told his father that if, instead of the farm, he would give him $1,000 in cash, it would be far more acceptable, although what the father offered would have been equivalent to more than twice that amount. The father, after entering many protests, at last very reluctantly consented, and Eugene at once entered the Western Normal College, of Shenandoah, Iowa, at which institution he afterward graduated with the scientific class of 1886.

He had arranged to enter upon the study of law in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, but not having sufficient means to carry him through the course, he concluded to go west and take up Government land, prove up on it, sell, and with the proceeds take the much-coveted law course.

In Box Butte county, Nebraska, he took a pre-emption and timber claim, proved up on the former and sold the right to the latter. In the meantime he had married, so again found it impossible to enter law school.

Not liking the climate of northwestern Nebraska, he moved to Mankato, Minnesota, in November, 1887, where his father then lived. Having been balked in his law course, Mr. Rucker finally concluded to teach school; so, after visiting with his father a month, he came to Jackson county, and that winter and spring taught the school in District No. 26, Christiana township.

Mr. Rucker now entered upon a successful career in connection with schools. He was given the principalship of the Breck School in Wilder, Jackson county, in the fall of 1888. That institution then had accommodations for fifty pupils, with an attendance of only thirty-six. The following year, in September, 1889, he reorganized the institution, secured a corps of six capable teachers, and arranged for scientific, normal, preparatory and business courses. That year the attendance was increased to 200, and during the last year of his connection with the school the membership was 250, and nine teachers had charge of the various departments. Mr. Rucker remained in charge of the school until July, 1894. In the fall of that year he was elected clerk of the District Court on the Republican ticket for a term of four years, and is now discharging the duties of that office in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

On the 26th of October, 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Rucker and Miss Lizzie Delaney Bailey, who was the fourth

in a family of eight children, whose parents were Ira L. and Virginia Bailey. Mrs. Rucker was born March 28, 1864, and by her marriage has become the mother of four children, three yet living,—Muriel Virginia, born January 6, 1888; Mildred Antoinette, born June 20, 1889; and Mahlon Bailey, born December 20, 1891. Eugenia, born May 21, 1893, died on the twenty-first of September following.

On the 4th of May, 1893, occurred a most serious and deplorable accident in the home of this interesting family. A servant girl was frying out lard which caught on fire. Mrs. Rucker ran into the kitchen, hurriedly secured a pail of water which she poured upon the flames, but in so doing was badly burned about the face and neck. Medical aid was at once summoned and every effort put forth to relieve her distress. For a time it was thought that her eyes were uninjured, but later they began to trouble her greatly. Her husband then took her to St. Luke's hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota, that she might have the care of the best specialists, and for thirteen weeks she was under the care of the best medical skill that could be secured, but all to no avail, and the once bright eyes which beamed with love and kindness upon her little family lost the power of again looking upon their faces! It was a sad blow to them all. Mrs. Rucker had been of great assistance to her husband in his school duties, but could now no longer aid him. This led him in part to abandon the school work and enter upon official life. He was also prompted by another motive. He is a very ambitious man, and, constantly wishing to improve, he thought this might be a step toward preparing him for the legal profession which he some day hopes to enter. He will never be content with mediocrity, and, should he take up the practice of law, we predict for him a successful and brilliant career, knowing his persevering and energetic nature.

Mr. Rucker is a member of Windom Lodge, No. 108, I. O. O. F., and of the Camp of Modern Woodmen of America, in Jackson. He is also an active and consistent member of the Episcopal Church, and superintendent of a large Sunday-school in Jackson. His life has been well spent, and the highest regard of many friends is given him.

VALENTINE WOHLHUTER, of Fairmont, Minnesota, is the land agent and local representative of W. T. Hansen, the extensive real-estate dealer of Chicago. His marked business ability has given him high standing with this firm, and his dealings have brought him a wide acquaintance throughout this part of Minnesota, while his sterling worth has won him the confidence and regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

Mr. Wohlhuter is a representative of a large and prominent family of Minnesota, several members of whom are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. He was born in Alsace, France, on the 18th of August, 1849, and is a son of Valentine and Eva (Wohlhuter)Wohlhuter. The paternal grandfather, Michael Wohlhuter, had a family of six children, namely: Mae, Lawrence, Valentine, Kate, George and Michael. The father, Valentine Wohlhuter, was born in Germany, on the 10th of November, 1823, and was married October 10, 1848, to Miss Eva, daughter of Philip Wohlhuter, who though of the same name was not a relative. She was one of a family of six children, as

follows: Philip, Lena, Paul, Sarah, Eva and Valentine. The mother of our subject was born on the 23d of December, 1819, and died on the 2d of January, 1885. The parents were married in the land of their birth, and before emigrating to America they had four children, the eldest being Valentine, whose name heads this article; the rest were Eva, wife of A. F. Barg; Philip; and Frederick, who was born January 18, 1862, and is now living in Kingsbury county, South Dakota, where he is acting as agent for C. L. Coleman, the extensive lumberman. He married Lily Carrot and they have two children, Eva and Albert.

The highly esteemed citizen to whose personal history we now direct the attention of our readers was the first of the family to come to America. He spent the first nineteen years of his life in Alsace, then, bidding adieu to home and friends, he made his way to Havre, France, where he embarked on a westward bound steamer, which weighed anchor on the 14th of July, 1868, and reached New York harbor fifteen days later. He did not tarry long in the eastern metropolis, but crossed the continent to Fayette county, Iowa, where he worked for wages on a farm until the spring of 1870. It was then that he took up his residence in Minnesota, settling first in Freeborn county. Resolving that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he rented and operated a farm for a year.

Mr. Wohlhuter has been a resident of Martin county since the 20th of May, 1871. Soon after his arrival he located a homestead on section 24, Fox Lake township, and in a short time returned to Freeborn county to harvest the crop which he had previously planted. In the autumn he was again in Martin county and made a permanent location. He still owns the homestead which he at first secured, and to its cultivation devoted his entire time and energies until March 21, 1884, when he was intrusted with the care of the extensive interests of W. T. Hansen & Company, of Chicago, having charge of the Martin county territory. He then removed to Fairmont, where he resided until the 1st of November, 1885, when he established headquarters in Sherburne. In December, 1893, however, he returned to the county seat, opened an office in the bank building and remained there until the 1st of April, 1894, when he removed to his present location. He has handled, in the interest of the firm which he now represents, 177,000 acres of land. He has made a close study of land values, is quick to see and take advantage of favorable opportunities for buying and selling, and his services have therefore been mutually profitable to the company with which he is connected and himself. His business and executive ability is of a high order, and his sagacity and farsightedness have brought success, while his honorable dealings has gained him universal confidence.

On the 23d of March, 1882, Mr. Wohlhuter was united in marriage to Miss Mary Helen Follett, daughter of Edwin R. and Olive R. Follett. They are now the parents of three living children, and they lost their first born, Edwin Valentine, who was born May 11, 1883, and died November 14, 1884. Those who are still with their parents are Olive Eva, born July 29, 1884; Jessie Helen, born November 29, 1885; and Edna Grace, born August 31, 1890.

With the Masonic fraternity Mr. Wohlhuter holds membership relations. He is a progressive citizen, public-spirited in an eminent degree and has always done much in behalf

of the national interests and general welfare of his community. Whatever tends to benefit town and county receives his hearty support and co-operation, and the community recognizes him as a citizen that it could ill afford to lose. In manner he is pleasant and genial, always courteous and affable, and withal a true gentleman in the best sense of that term.

RUDOLPH JAGODZINSKE, Welcome, Minnesota, is one of the thrifty Germans who has acquired a nice property and comfortable home in Martin county.

He was born in Margouin, Posen, Germany, April 8, 1850, son of Martin and Henrietta (Dumke) Jagodzinske. In 1868 Martin Jagodzinske emigrated with his family to America, settled in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, where he worked at his trade, that of shoemaker, for several years, and from there removed to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. At Fond du Lac he served as watchman, employed by a Mr. Meyers, occupying this position until his death. He was born November 2, 1819, and died November 16, 1874, and was about fifty-five years of age at the time he died. His first wife, *nee* Henrietta Dumke, was born February 1, 1820, and died during the last part of September, 1853, when her son and only child, Rudolph, was three years old. January 18, 1854, he married, for his second wife, Amalia Frederick, who was born October 2, 1832, and is still living. By this marriage there were the following children: Ferdinand, Matilda, Flora, William, Hattie, Louis and Minnie.

Rudolph Jagodzinske came with the family to this country, and almost immediately after his arrival here he started out in life on his own responsibility. For three years he worked for James Densmore, of Green Lake county, Wisconsin. It was the father's wish that his son should learn the trade of shoemaker, but knowing in what poverty his people had always been kept by following this calling, our subject brought all his influence to bear on his father, and finally induced him to give up the trade and go to Fond du Lac, as stated above. Young Rudolph was robust and exceptionally strong, and hence took to farm work. In June, 1871, he came to Minnesota and in Faribault county worked at whatever he could get to do. He also visited Martin county, in September of that year, in company with his future father-in-law, Friedrich Wilhelm Bursack. Mr. Bursack located a quarter section in Fraser township, and Mr. Jagodzinske located an eighty-acre tract, the south half of the southwest quarter of section 24, Fox Lake township. After this they returned to Wisconsin, and during the same fall of 1871 the entire family drove through to their new homes, our subject having in the meantime married Miss Paulina Bursack. The little house to which he took his bride is now used as a poultry house, his present fine residence having been built in 1887. He built his barn in 1891. In 1879 he bought an additional eighty acres of the railroad company,—the north half of the northwest quarter of section 25, Fox Lake township; and in 1885 he bought still another eighty,—the south half of the southeast quarter of section 24, Fox Lake township. He again added to his possessions in the fall of 1894, by purchasing the southeast quarter of section 15, Fox Lake township. With the exception of one acre, which he gave to the Evangelical Church in

1891, he still owns all this land, 200 acres being under cultivation, three and a half acres in woodland, and the rest used as hay and pasture land. The stock on his farm at this writing consists of sixty hogs, fifty cattle and ten horses.

Mr. Jagodzinske was married September 28, 1871, to Paulina Bursack, who was born in Wisconsin, March 15, 1852, the second of the seven children of William and Henriette (Plath) Bursack. Mr. Bursack was born in Posen, Germany, March 6, 1823, and died May 18, 1885. Mrs. Caroline Henriette (Plath) Bursack was born October 31, 1826, in Posen, Germany, and died September 20, 1864, in Green Lake county, Wisconsin. Mr. Bursack emigrated to America in 1851, settled in Wisconsin, and lived there until his removal to Martin county, where he died.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jagodzinske are as follows: Emma Adelia Alvina, born June 17, 1872, was married to George Rushmann, December 12, 1894, and is living on a farm in Jackson county, Minnesota; Rosa Henrietta, born July 5, 1874, was married September 9, 1894, to John Galles, a farmer of Martin county; Amelia Henrietta, born March 22, 1876; Julius Ferdinand, born February 25, 1878; Luella Viola, born September 9, 1880, died June 11, 1882; Aaron Benjamin, born August 11, 1882; George Benjamin Harrison, born December 23, 1888, died April 12, 1892; and Frederick William Herrman, born September 20, 1890.

Mr. Jagodzinske is a man of excellent judgment and business ability. For fourteen consecutive years he has served as Appraiser, and is generally regarded as the best officer in this capacity the township has ever had. He and his family are members of the Evangelical church.

H. B. HERBRANDSON came to Jackson county in 1869, and is the present Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Petersburg township. He is a native of Norway, born March 22, 1844, and a son of Benson and Barabra (Tulletson) Herbrandson, who were the parents of seven children, five of whom are now living: H. B., the subject; Tulleff, a farmer residing in Dickinson county, Iowa; Lars, still residing in the old conntry; Ingree, wife of Ole Munn; and Jacob, now living in Dickinson county, Iowa. An uncle, Evan Herbrandson, also came to this country and has been a resident of Petersburg township, Jackson county, for more than thirty years.

The gentleman whose name heads this record acquired his education in the common schools of his native land, was confirmed in the Norwegian Lutheran Church and was reared on the old home farm. In April, 1867, he bade adieu to home and friends, for he had resolved to try his fortune in America, and sailed from Bergen on a three-masted sailing vessel,—the Claus Heftie,—which after forty days spent on the bosom of the Atlantic dropped anchor in the harbor of Quebec. From that place Mr. Herbrandson made his way to Mitchell county, Iowa, where he began work as a farm hand and spent two years.

While in that county he was united in marriage with Miss Barabra Torsen, who was born in Norway on the 22d of February, 1844. She had come to America on the same vessel with her future husband, whom she had known in the old country, and their wedding was celebrated May 20, 1869, in the Norwegian Lutheran Church, by Rev. C. Clausen. The young couple soon came to Minnesota and Mr. Herbrandson secured from the Government 160 acres of wild land

Thomas Pettum.

situated on section 22, Petersburg township, Jackson county. He secured timber along the bank of the Des Moines river with which he erected a little log cabin, and through a hole in the roof the stove-pipe was put, the smoke thus finding egress. For eight years the family lived in that primitive home, and it was then replaced by the present comfortable residence.

To Mr. and Mrs. Herbrandson have been born eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, namely: Ben, who was born October 9, 1870, and died at the age of eleven months; Betsey, wife of Anton Johnson, a farmer of Emmet county, Iowa; Bertha, wife of Albert Gilberson, who is living in Petersburg township; Ben, who died in childhood; Isabel, who is at home with her parents; Mary, who died at the age of eleven months; Mary, who died at the age of nine months; Isabel, at home; Ben, Julia and Henry, who are still with their parents. The children have received good educational privileges, and Mr. Herbrandson has always been a warm friend and supporter of the public schools.

The fellow townsmen of our subject, appreciating his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office. He has served as Town Treasurer for six years, and for six years was officially connected with the schools of the neighborhood; he has been a member of the Board of Supervisors of his township for about five terms, and is now serving his second term as Chairman. In all these offices he has ever been found true and faithful, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity, reflecting credit upon himself and bringing satisfaction to his constituents. He has always been a stalwart supporter of the Republican party since casting his first Presidential vote for General Grant and delights in the triumph of his party. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. They are well known throughout this community, holding a high position in social circles, and Petersburg township has no more valuable or highly esteemed citizen than H. B. Herbrandson.

THOMAS VELTUM.—Men engage in business with various results, some being successful, others not, but in a close study of the lives of those who have achieved that for which they were striving we have found that the goal was reached through persevering effort, untiring industry and systematic methods. Such has been the case with the gentleman whose name heads this record, now one of the most conspicuous figures in commercial circles in St. James, Minnesota.

Mr. Veltum is a native of Lemington, England, born June 5, 1844. His parents, Samuel and Maria (Lyons) Veltum, were also natives of the same locality, and the father was a stone-mason by trade. In the year 1847 he left his home in England, crossed the Atlantic to America and took up his residence in Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he secured land from the Government. After two years he sent for his family, who joined him in his new home, and there he carried on agricultural pursuits until life's labors were ended. He reached the traditional age of man,—three-score years and ten,—and his death was mourned by many friends, for his excellencies of character gained him high regard. His wife still survives him and is now living in Mankato, Minnesota, with her daughter, Mrs. Sarah

Curtis. In their family were nine children, six of whom are yet living.

Thomas Veltum, the seventh in order of birth, was a child of about six summers when the family came to the New World. He was reared on the old home farm in Dodge county, Wisconsin, attended the common schools of the neighborhood, and at the age of eighteen left the parental roof, starting out in life for himself with a cash capital of $12. He first operated a farm on shares for a year, then learned the stone mason's trade in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, at which he worked until the autumn of 1867. On the 20th of June, 1868, he embarked in the grocery and crockery business in connection with E. J. Hankey at Trempealeau, Wisconsin, and the partnership was continued until 1873, when Mr. Veltum bought out Mr. Hankey, and for two years was alone in business. In 1874 the old partnership was resumed, and the firm of Veltum & Hankey opened a general store in Trempealeau. On the second dissolution of this firm the stock was divided and our subject brought his goods to St. James, where he opened a general mercantile establishment. He erected a one-story frame building, 24 x 50 feet, and, as his trade increased, until his quarters were too small, he afterward enlarged the building by adding fourteen feet to the length of the store.

The career of Mr. Veltum has been a prosperous one in St. James, and within a very short period he was recognized as one of the leading merchants of Watonwan county. During the second year his sales were increased to the extent of $10,000 over the first year, and his business constantly grew until he sold out to D. C. Byre, in 1881. The following year he opened a hardware store, and in 1885 he again purchased his old general store, conducting the two establishments, one on either side of the street, until the spring of 1888, when he sold the latter to Frank Schoffman, and about the same time also disposed of the hardware store to F. E. Veltum and R. B. Hall. Again he became interested in the hardware business by buying out Mr. Hall, and the concern was conducted under the firm name of Veltum & Veltum until January 13, 1894, when our subject sold out to Marion Clark, of Barrington, Illinois. Mr. Veltum's ability is not limited to one line of trade or interest. In 1892 he was elected president of the First National Bank of St. James, which is capitalized, and the success of this flourishing institution is largely due to his efforts. In 1890 he erected what is known as the Veltum Block, a two-story brick block with double front, 47 x 90 feet. He was instrumental in organizing the company which built the Grand Opera House Block, and was also an important factor in causing the erection of the Peck & Gibbs Block. He has owned considerable real estate and has largely aided in the upbuilding and improvement of the city by selling town lots on the partial payment plan. When he began business in St. James the people were generally in straightened circumstances, having had a succession of failures of crops through the grasshopper plague that had infested the country for about eight years. He did a large credit business, kindly supplying goods to all in need, and patiently waiting until their financial condition was sufficiently improved to enable them to pay, and in this way contributed much toward assisting in the improvement and development of county and town, and enabling the people to regain a sound financial footing. He has probably done as much for the city as any

one residing within its border, withholding his support and co-operation from no enterprise calculated to prove of bublic benefit.

In the year 1870 Mr. Veltum was united in marriage with Miss Duley E. McCune, a native of Dodge county, Wisconsin, and daughter of Thomas McCune. Three children bless this union,—Eddie C., who is now attending the Northwestern University of Evanston, Illinois; Ray, aged ten; and L. D., aged eight years, both at home. The home of this family is one of the finest in St. James,—a beautiful residence which was erected at a cost, including grounds, of about $10,000. It is built in a modern style of architecture, is tastefully and richly furnished and the home is the abode of hospitality.

In politics Mr. Veltum is a stalwart Republican, unswerving in his allegiance to the principles of his party. He has been twice elected Mayor of the city, and his capable administration of affairs promoted the welfare of St. James and also the work of city improvement. He is a man of uncommon talent. He is animated by a sincere and lofty purpose to make the most of his opportunities, and while he has labored to build up his own fortunes he has not been unmindful of others, and has labored no less earnestly for whatever tends to advance the interests of his adopted city, county and State.

A. SKINNER, who carries on general farming on section 7, Foster township, Faribault county, was born in Crystal Lake, McHenry county, Illinois, on the 11th of July, 1852, and is son of Daniel E. and Anna L. (Swan) Skinner. The father was born in the town of East Bolton, Connecticut, where his early life was passed. His parents died when he was only two years of age and for some years he lived with the family of the late Judge Hendee, of Connecticut. Subsequently he learned the trade of butcher, and when twenty-six years of age emigrated westward, locating first in Chicago, where he remained for eighteen months. He then purchased a farm near Crystal Lake, Illinois, and managed it for a time, when he sold out and removed to Allamakee county, Iowa, where he made his home for thirteen years. His next place of residence was in Winnebago county, Iowa, where he still lives, at the age of sixty-eight. His years rest lightly upon him, and a well-spent life has brought to him a comfortable competence and the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. For a long time past he has been a member of the Congregational Church, and in its upbuilding and advancement takes an active interest. In early life he was an earnest adherent of the Whig party, but on its dissolution became a Republican of pronounced views. Mrs. Skinner is a native of Wethersfield, Connecticut, and a daughter of John and Loretta (Phelps) Swan, the father being a representative of one of the pioneer families of the Nutmeg State.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner have a family of six children, all of whom are living, as follows: A. A., of this article; Egbert D., who is living in Echo, North Dakota; J. T., a practicing physician of Terrace, Polk county, Minnesota; Charlotte E., wife of J. E. Howard, a resident of Buffalo Center, Minnesota; W. E., who is located in Elmore, Minnesota; and Maggie, wife of Peter Larson, of Britt, Iowa.

A. A. Skinner is well known throughout

Faribault county as one of the progressive and public-spirited farmers of Foster township. His early life was largely passed in Iowa. At the age of fifteen he began learning the printer's trade, at which he worked for about four years, when his adventurous spirit and a desire to benefit his health prompted him to take a trip to the Black Hills and the plains of the West. He spent nearly three years in Dakota and Nebraska, teaching school in the latter State during the winter months, while in the summer months he engaged in hunting, finding in this out-door life the tonic which he needed for his impaired health. This change in his life proved very beneficial, and the experience was a very interesting one, being so dissimilar to the quiet career of a farmer and printer which he had previously followed.

In 1878 Mr. Skinner first came to Faribault county, spending three years within what were its borders at that time, after which he located in Terrace, Minnesota, where he opened a drug store, carrying on operation in that line of trade for eight years. He had a well equipped establishment and enjoyed a good trade. Returning then to Foster township he has since engaged in farming and his highly cultivated fields and well improved place indicate to the passer-by the careful supervision of the owner.

The home is the abode of a happy family. On the 14th of July, 1881, Mr. Skinnes was united in marriage with Miss Ida May McKinster, daughter of Dewey and Eliza (Pepper) McKinster, who were early settlers of this locality, having located on the farm which is now the the home of Mr. and Mrs. Skinner in 1862 and residing there until 1883, when the father retired from active business life. He now makes his home in the city of Wells,—one of the honored and respected citizens of Faribault county. In his family were eight children, and Mrs. Skinner was born in Minnesota. Our subject and his wife have a family of eight children,—Anna E., Theresa B., Osyth E., Harry Earl, Durain Dewey, Pearl, Edward, and an infant.

Social, educational and moral interests are befriended by Mr. Skinner, who takes an active part in promoting every enterprise which is calculated to prove of public benefit. He has for several years served as Township Clerk and also as Clerk of the school district in which he lives. In politics he is an inflexible adherent of Republican principles and does all in his power to insure the success and promote the growth of his party. In connection with his business interests he is also serving as secretary of the W. H. Ketzeback Milling Company of Wells, one of the most successful and flourishing business enterprises of southern Minnesota.

CHARLES ADDISON LOTT, a farmer of section 1, Rolling Green township, Martin county, is a son of John J. and Caroline (Rose) Lott, natives of Canada. They were married and resided in their native place until the father's death, and in 1870 the mother and children came to the United States. She then made her home with our subject until her death, in 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Lott had five children,—Augusta Johnston, Laura C. James (deceased), William F., Charles A. and Albert.

Charles A. Lott, the subject of this sketch, was born in Sidney township, Has-

tings county, Ontario, March 27, 1850, and remained there until his father's death. He then cared for his mother until her death. In 1870 he came to Minnesota, locating on a homestead in Fraser township, Martin county, but afterward sold that place. In 1883 he came to his farm of 200 acres, then only partially improved, but the entire place is now under a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Lott supports the Republican party, has held many of the township offices, and is one of the representative citizens of his locality.

January 1, 1877, he was united in marriage with Miss Mattie Edwards, a native of Illinois, and a daughter of J. B. Edwards, a merchant of Winnebago City. To this union have been born seven children, namely: Edith, Roy, Ethel, Harry, Herbert, Ray and Kent. Mrs. Lott is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fairmont.

ALFRED ROBERT VOSS is one of the most extensive land owners of Minnesota. He makes his home in St. James, and probably has more acres within the border of Watonwan county than any other man. Mr. Voss is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Chicago on the 28th of February, 1861. His father, Henry Voss, was a native of Germany, and on emigrating to this country settled in Chicago. This was about 1852, when the Garden City was then just becoming a commercial center of prominence and attracting the attention of enterprising men of the East. He there worked at his trade of wagon-making for a time, after which he removed to Elgin, Illinois, where his remaining days were passed. He was called to the home beyond in 1876, at the age of seventy years, and his death was mourned by many friends. The mother of our subject who bore the maiden name of Regina Reinecker, was also born in Germany, and is now living in Elgin. By her marriage she became the mother of five children,—three sons and two daughters.

Our subject, the youngest son and third child, was about two years of age at the time of the removal of the family to Elgin. At the age of eleven he was sent to school in Richmond, Illinois, and afterward attended Elgin Academy. He then entered upon a course of study in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, at which he was graduated in 1883, in the law department. He also attended an eclectic course in the literary department, and then turned his attention to a business career. He began surveying in the West with the United States Land Surveyor, and in this way he became familiar with the location and value of land. In 1884 he returned to Elgin, where he succeeded in interesting parties in Watonwan county land and made quite extensive investments for them. In this business he was engaged until 1889, within which time he located about 80,000 acres. In 1889–90 he opened up for cultivation about 10,000 acres of land in Watonwan county. He is now farming, under his personal supervision and through his tenants, 13,000 acres, all in Watonwan county, and in 1894 raised 52,000 bushels of wheat. He is the most extensive farmer in this part of the State, and in connection with the raising of cereals adapted to this climate he is also engaged in stock-raising on a large scale, keeping on hand many head of cattle, horses and sheep.

Mr. Voss, although a comparatively recent arrival in this community, may well be

numbered among the founders of the county. He has opened up to cultivation a greater territory than any other man of the community, and prior to 1890 he induced 150 families to come to Watonwan county, and all are now living upon farms here. Thus has he aided in the growth and upbuilding of this section and in promoting the general prosperity. He carries his progressive views into politics, and at local elections votes for men of practical business ideas, who are capable of managing the affairs of the town and county on business principles.

The pleasant home of Mr. Voss is presided over by a lady of grace and culture. In 1893, in Nashville, Tennessee, he married Miss Alice Kieson, a native of Jefferson county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Frederick Kieson. Their home is brightened by the presence of a little daughter born in 1894.

ALLEN CATLIN is one of the most extensive land owners of Martin county. He resides on section 2, Waverly township, and belongs to that class of farmers to whom a community owes the greater part of its prosperity and progress. A valued citizen, ever interested in the welfare of the community, he is deserving of honorable mention in this volume.

Mr. Catlin claims New York as the State of his nativity, his birth having occurred in St. Lawrence county on the 19th of December, 1850. His parents, David and Louisa (Chittenden) Catlin, were also natives of the same county, the father born in 1830. Their marriage was celebrated there and in the same locality the mother died, in 1853, leaving two children,—Allen, whose name heads this record, and Harvey, who is living in Faribault county, Minnesota. The father was again married, his second union being with Miss Millie Town, daughter of A. R. Town, of Waverly township, Martin county. Their family numbered five children, viz.: Abram, Jerusha, Mary, William and Hattie. On leaving the East the father crossed the continent, becoming a resident of California, but after four years, in 1860, he came to Minnesota, settling in Goodhue, whence he went to Faribault county in 1864. He secured a homestead in Minnesota Lake township, and developed therefrom a good farm, upon which his widow is still living. His death occurred in July, 1892, and was mourned by many friends, for all who knew him respected him for his sterling worth and strict integrity.

Allen Catlin was only three years of age at the time of his mother's death, and was then reared by his great aunt, Betsy Branyon, now deceased. He attended the common district schools and was reared upon a farm, his childhood days being quietly passed midst play and work. He was a lad of nine summers at the time of his arrival in Minnesota, which has since been his place of residence, and in the upbuilding of Martin county and in the promotion of her leading enterprises he has been an important factor.

In 1872 he led to the marriage altar Miss Ellen Cory, who was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, March 25, 1851, in the same township as her husband. The lady is a daughter of George W. and Mary E. (Town) Cory, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Clinton county, New York. They were married and lived for thirty years in St. Lawrence county, after which, in 1866, they emigrated westward to this State, casting their lot with the

settlers of Lura township, Faribault county. Locating upon a new farm, on which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made, he began the development of his land, and in course of time where once was bare prairie appeared waving fields of grain. After a long and useful life he passed away, on the 6th of May, 1889, at the ripe old age of seventy-five. His widow still survives him and has now reached her eightieth year. They have seven children now living, namely: Samuel, Lucinda, Allen, Alvira, Harriet, Ellen and Louisa. Two of the sons were "boys in blue" during the Civil war. Samuel served for three years in the Sixtieth New York Volunteer Infantry and Allen was also numbered among the defenders of the Union.

Upon their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Catlin located upon the farm which has since been their home. It was a tract of wild land and the rude shanty upon it costing not more than $25; but he at once began to add substantial improvements, and now good buildings for the shelter of his grain and stock, and a pleasant residence stand as monuments to the thrift and diligence of the owner. Indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature, and as the result of his earnest and continued labors he has been blessed with prosperity. As his financial resources increased he has added to his landed possession from time to time until his realty now aggregates 2,500 acres of fine farming land. He cultivates 400 acres of this himself, for though he has now become a wealthy man he considers it no excuse for idleness, and each day finds him engaged in some work that will add to the fertility of his land, to the value of his farm, or to its attractive appearance.

In his busy life Mr. Catlin has never neglected his duties as a citizen and has ably served his fellow townsmen in a number of local offices. He has been Township Supervisor, is now Town Treasurer, a position which he has filled for about twelve years, and for four years he served as County Commissioner, his term expiring in 1892. Public confidence and private trust have never been betrayed by him, but, true and loyal in all things, he is recognized throughout the county as one of its best citizens. He votes with the Republican party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Catlin has been blessed with five children, one son and four daughters, — Harvey George, Cora Ellen, Millie Louisa, Pearl Iva, and Leona Belle. They were all provided with good educational privileges, and their home training has been such as to make them useful and respected members of society. The parents attend the Methodist Church and in social circles hold an enviable position, while in the community their friends are many.

JOSEPH SAMUEL ALDRITT, a carriage and wagon manufacturer of St. James, was born in Staffordshire, England, November 3, 1832, a son of Joseph and Ann (Gee) Aldritt, who were born and reared in that country. The father was a butcher by trade. They came to America in 1853, locating in Kane county, Illinois, but in 1854 the father purchased and located on Government land in Carver county, Minnesota, where he remained until his death, at the age of seventy years. The mother survived until eighty-four years of age.

J. S. Aldritt, the eldest of their seven children, came to America previous to the arrival of his parents. He had learned the

trade of carriage-making in the old country, at the age of fifteen years, and after locating in Minnesota he followed that occupation in Carver county about three years. From that time until 1864 he followed his trade in St. Paul, was next engaged in business in Shakopee, this State, until 1870, and since that time has been an honored resident of St. James, Watonwan county. Mr. Aldritt immediately opened a carriage and blacksmith's shop in the town, which he has since conducted with success.

In his political relations, he votes with the Republican party. Socially, he has been a member of Libanus Lodge, No. 96, A. F. & A. M., for twenty-three years, in which he has passed all the chairs. Religiously, he is a Deacon and an active worker in the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Aldritt was first married in Carver county, Minnesota, to Harriet Seamans, and to that union was born one child, now deceased. His second marriage occurred in Shakopee, to Frances L. Dorward, a native of New York, who came West with her parents when young. Mr. and Mrs. Aldritt have four living children: Minnie, wife of George W. Price, of St. James; Arthur, engaged in business with his father; Mable and Conway.

WINFIELD SCOTT CROWLEY, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Watonwan county, Minnesota, was born near Elgin, Kane county, Illinois, April 27, 1847. His father, Jerry Crowley, was a native of Ireland, but came with his parents to New York city when a child, and was reared in the Eastern States. He was a contractor on the Erie canal, and while thus employed suffered the loss of an arm. In 1846 Mr. Crowley located on a farm in Kane county, Illinois, and in 1865 he bought a large farm in that county. His death occurred at the age of eighty-one years. He was an active Republican, and during his residence in the Eastern States he took a prominent part in political matters. He served as Township Collector of Dundee, Illinois, many years ago. The mother of our subject, Hannah Sinnett, was born near the Mohawk river, of Dutch descent. She now resides in Chicago, aged seventy-one years.

W. S. Crowley, the eldest of their seven children, five sons and two daughters, all still living, was reared and educated in his native place. After his marriage he located on rented land in Kane county, in 1871 located on a farm in Crawford county, Iowa, from 1874 to 1879 followed the butter and cheese business in McHenry county, Illinois, was next engaged in the milk business in Chicago until 1890, and then embarked in the real-estate business in St. James, Minnesota. Mr. Crowley followed that occupation many years before coming to this city, in which he is still engaged. He owns 275 acres of land in St. James township, three miles west of the city of St. James, and also $5,000 worth of city property. In political matters, Mr. Crowley votes with the Republican party, and since 1892 has served as chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and was President of the village in 1892. Socially, he is a member of Libanus Lodge, No. 96, A. F. & A. M., of St. James, and of the M. W. of A. of this city.

In 1868, in McHenry county, Illinois, our subject was united in marriage with Alice Grimley, a native of New York, but

came West when young, and was reared in McHenry county. To this union have been born two children,—Charles, day clerk at Hotel Gibbs, St. James; and Flossie.

HON. SUMNER CALVIN CLARK, one of the representative citizens of St. James, was born in Walpole, Cheshire county, New Hampshire, November 6, 1818. His father, Richard Clark, was born in Alstead, that State, in 1786, descending from the old stock which came to America on the Mayflower. He was reared in his native place, and was a blacksmith by trade, but during the last few years of his life he followed agricultural pursuits. His father, Nathaniel Clark, was born in America and was a farmer by occupation. The mother of our subject, *nee* Sally Thornton, was born in Acworth, New Hampshire, in 1783, a daughter of Stephen Thornton, also a native of that place, and of English descent. Richard and Sally Clark were married December 24, 1809, and located in Walpole, New Hampshire. In 1828 they removed to Rutland county, Vermont, where both subsequently died, the mother in 1842, and the father in 1858. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Corena F., Horace S., Richard H. and Harvey T., deceased; S. C., the subject of this sketch; Sarah J., wife of William White, of North Bennington, Vermont; and Stephen, of Warehouse Point, Connecticut.

S. C. Clark, the sixth child and fifth son, went with his parents to Rutland county, Vermont, in 1828, where he was reared to manhood. He spent two years in the Black River Academy of Windsor county, that State, and then, at the age of twenty years, he began teaching school, continuing that occupation until thirty-six years of age, having taught his last school at Dover, Windham county. During that time Mr. Clark also taught vocal music in the school, and during the summer months he followed the carpenter's trade. In the spring of 1848 he removed to West Dover; from 1855 to 1857 he had charge of a steam sawmill at Sunderland, Bennington county; was next engaged at the carpenter's trade in Garden City, Blue Earth county, Minnesota; and in 1865 he embarked in the drug business in company with his son, M. M. Clark, in that city. Leaving the business in charge of his son, Mr. Clark came to St. James in 1870, where he erected the first building, and shipped the first freight over the railroad to this city. He was also the first man to engage in any business here, he having opened a real-estate office.

Mr. Clark was admitted to the bar in March, 1873, and immediately engaged in the practice of law. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in Vermont before reaching his twenty-second year, and, including his service in Watonwan county, has held that position forty-four years. While in Blue Earth county he was elected County Surveyor in the fall of 1858, from 1860 to 1863 served as chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and held the positions of Assessor, Constable, Town Clerk, etc. His first office in Watonwan county was that of County Surveyor, and on the day he had held that position fifty years he resigned, but was obliged to serve two years longer. In the fall of 1874 Mr. Clark was elected Probate Judge of Watonwan county, and was re-elected to the office in 1878. He is a stanch Republican in political matters.

In social relations, he is a member of the Masonic order, and has filled all the offices in his lodge.

January 2, 1842, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Mary Ann White, born in Alstead, New Hampshire, September 17, 1824, a daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Marshall) White. To this union have been born four children, namely: Merrill M., who married Lavina Fall, and they have one child living, Louie; Abbie E., wife of Erie B. Evans, and their three children are Mary S., George W. and Clark; Lillie M., widow of C. A. Chapman, and she has two children living, Severence and Lawrence H.; and Rosie A., deceased at the age of two months.

WILLIAM WESLEY GIBBS.—In the front rank of the business circles of Watonwan county stands this gentleman, and probably no man of late years has been more prominently identified with the upbuilding of St. James than he. His interests have added to the material prosperity of the city, and his efforts have promoted the general welfare. One so well and favorably known is well deserving of mention in this volume, and with pleasure we present the record of his life to our readers.

A native of Vermont, he was born in Pittsfield, Rutland county, on the 22d of May, 1841, and traces his ancestry back to one of three brothers who sailed from England on the Mayflower and with the Puritans landed at Plymouth Rock. One brother went to Pennsylvania, another to New York, and from the third, who remained in the old Bay State, W. W. Gibbs has descended. The grandfather of our subject, Seth Gibbs, was born in Massachusetts, and served as a private during the war of 1812. His son, S. W. Gibbs, was born in Barnard, Windsor county, Vermont, in 1816, and in early life carried on farming. Later he became proprietor of a hotel in Norwich, Vermont, and there spent his remaining days, his death occurring August 5, 1865. In his political views he was first a Freesoiler and afterward a Republican. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Levina W. Holland, was born in Pittsfield, Vermont, January 4, 1816, and was a daughter of Reuben Holland, a native of Massachusetts and a farmer by occupation. He served in the war of 1812 and was of English and Scotch descent. Mrs. Gibbs was burned to death at her home in St. James, January 23, 1891. In the family were three children, viz.: W. W., whose name heads this sketch; Major M. D., who won his title during his service in the war of the Rebellion; and E. A., who now conducts the Hotel Gibbs of St. James.

The eldest son was reared in the place of his nativity and began his education in the common schools of that place, graduating later at the Springfield Wesleyan Seminary in 1861. He then began teaching in Windsor county, and in 1862, in company with his father, he bought a hotel. In 1865 his father died, and W. W. Gibbs took the entire charge of the business, being appointed administrator of his father's estate. He has been identified with the hotel business for much of the time since his seventeenth year, when he secured a position as hotel clerk. In the spring of 1868 he sold the hotel property in Norwich, Vermont, and began shipping stock to Boston, being at that time located in West Lebanon, New Hampshire. He carried on the business in

connection with his uncle living at that place, and their operations were very successful.

On the 19th of January, 1870, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Gibbs and Linnie Sargent, of Pittsford, Vermont, daughter of Junia and Harriet (Spencer) Sargent. Her father was also a native of the Green Mountain State and made farming his life work. Mrs. Gibbs is a twin sister of Mrs. P. P. Gibbs of Sioux City, Iowa. Two sons have been born to our subject and his wife, namely: W. W., who was born in Peterborough, New Hampshire, May 11, 1873; and C. J., born in Bellows Falls, Vermont, November 6, 1874. Both are still at home and are young men of sterling worth.

In 1872 Mr. Gibbs sold out his stock business and removed to Peterborough, New Hampshire, where he purchased the hotel, —the Union House,—which he conducted for two years. He then sold out and removed to Bellows Falls, Vermont. In the spring of 1876 he came to the West to look over the country, and at that time spent a few days in St. James. He then returned to his old home and brought his family to Minnesota, stopping in Mankato. On the 1st of December, 1876, he purchased furniture of the railroad company for the old St. James Hotel, which he leased for three years with option to buy on the expiration of that period. This he did, becoming the owner in 1879. That hotel contained twenty-one rooms, but, not finding it large enough to entertain his many guests, in the spring of 1880 Mr. Gibbs rebuilt the house and added to it fifteen new rooms. In 1890 he built the fine Gibbs block, containing the Hotel Gibbs, a three-story structure, with seventy-five rooms, heated by steam and lighted by gas and electricity. It is in every respect a first-class hotel, supplied with all modern conveniences, well ventilated and supplied with all that can add to the comfort and convenience of the guests. Mr. Gibbs carried on the hotel under his personal supervision until the spring of 1891, when he rented it to his brother, E. A. Gibbs, the present proprietor.

Mr. Gibbs was the first railroad land agent in St. James. He came to this town when it contained a population of only 240, has been prominent in its upbuilding, and is now extensively engaged in real-estate dealing. He first took up a half section of land in 1878 and has converted this into the noted Rosendale Stock Farm, adjoining the town on the southeast. He also owns several other farms, his possessions aggregating 1,650 acres. He built in the city a very fine brick business block, and when his son, W. W., attained his twenty-first year the father gave this block to him as a birthday gift. He is also a member of the St. James Opera House Company, which, in 1891–2 erected a fine opera house. He is one of the directors of the First National Bank, and all the business interests with which he is connected are carried forward to successful completion largely through his own well-directed efforts, perseverance, energy and resolute purpose. On the Rosendale Stock Farm he is raising some very fine stock. In 1884 he introduced into the county the first Holstein cattle, shipping the same from a stock farm in Elgin, Illinois. He raised the noted horse Mayor Linn, which had a reputation all over the West and was at last sold to a Boston gentleman. He now owns a half-sister of that horse, Junia, a pacer, with a trial record of 2:18. These horses were raised on the Rosendale Stock Farm.

Mr. Gibbs is now making a specialty of the breeding of fine hogs, and also raises cattle for dairy purposes. In company with Mr. E. S. Gibbs he takes contracts for building separator creameries and in furnishing supplies for dairies.

In all his undertakings Mr. Gibbs has been very successful and has managed his affairs with an ability and care that has met its reward in a handsome competence. His life is an example of what can be accomplished through enterprise and diligence, and though he has met with some reverses and difficulties these have seemed to serve him but as an impetus for renewed effort.

In his social relations Mr. Gibbs is a Mason, belonging to Libanus Lodge, No 96, F. & A. M., and to Concordia Chapter, No. 25. In his political views he is a stalwart Republican, and has served several terms as a member of the Village Board, has been officially connected with the schools and is now a member of the School Board. He comes of a race of sturdy New Englanders who prize loyalty and fidelity, and all who know him recognize his sterling worth and honor him for his upright life.

A. E. ARMSTRONG, the possessor of one of Martin county's finest farms, claims Wisconsin as the State of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Waukesha county on the 13th of January, 1848. He is the youngest child in the family of nine children, whose parents are John and Elizabeth (Gray) Armstrong, both natives of the Empire State, where the days of their childhood were passed. Our subject began to earn his living by working as a farm hand when seventeen years of age, and not only maintained himself but also supported his widowed mother until she was called to the life eternal. She died October 18, 1876, at the age of sixty-four years.

No event of special importance occurred during the boyhood and youth of our subject. He had few privileges, and his career has been one of unremitting labor, but now he is in comfortable circumstances, gaining a competence which will supply his declining years with comforts. As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey he chose Miss Florence E. McMillen, their wedding being celebrated on the 2d of July, 1874. The lady was born in Wayne county, Ohio, October 28, 1854, and is a daughter of James and Maria (McClure) McMillen. Her father died when she was quite young, and her mother, a native of Pennsylvania, passed away during the early girlhood of Mrs. Armstrong, so that she was thus left an orphan. She was then adopted by an aunt in Wisconsin, and employed as clerk nine years previous to and four years after marriage, by her adopted father. For thirteen years they made their home in that place, then came to Martin county, Minnesota, settling on the farm where they yet reside.

This was in the early days of Nashville township, and Mr. Armstrong plowed from the 26th of June until the following September without seeing more than one man go by with a horse. Opening up a new farm was an arduous task, but he persevered and is now the owner of 285 acres of valuable land, comprising one of the best farms of the county. It is under a high state of cultivation and has many good improvements, which are the work of the enterprising owner. A pleasant residence is supplemented by substantial barns, and these are

surrounded by well-tilled fields. In addition to general farming he carries on stock-raising, and keeps on hand a fine grade of cattle, horses and hogs. He is assisted in his labors by his two sons, Ralph K. and Walter B.

Mr. Armstrong devotes the greater part of his attention to his private business, and has won a well-merited success, yet has found time to faithfully discharge his duties of citizenship. He has several times been elected a member of the Town Board of Supervisors, and the duties of his office were satisfactorily performed, and condemned by none. He votes with the Republican party, with which he has affiliated since attaining his majority. His religious faith is that of the Freewill Baptist Church, and he is now serving as Church Trustee, and is a most active worker in the cause of Christianity. He comes of a family proud of its good name, and upon it he has brought no dishonor.

JOHN CHRISTIANSEN HOLDEN, a prosperous farmer and worthy citizen of Galena township, Martin county, Minnesota, was born in the parish of Holden Bratsberg Amt, Norway, May 30, 1839, his parents being Christian Johannesen and Carry Anderson. Further mention of the family history will be found in the biography of Andrew Christiansen Holden in this work.

In June, 1871, accompanied by his mother, brothers and sister, the subject of our sketch emigrated to America. Early in the following year they took up their abode in Martin county, Minnesota. They came by rail to Winnebago City, that being then the terminus of the railroad, and from there, in April, 1872, they walked through a blinding snow-storm to Fairmont. The family had always worked together, and upon their arrival in Galena township they continued as before, all living together for several years. John C. took claim to the northwest quarter section 8, township 104, range 32, and in 1878 built his present residence. There is now on this place a fine grove of twelve acres, which was set out by him. February 15, 1887, he purchased the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter, and later northwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 8, same township and range, making 240 acres in one body, 110 acres of which he has under cultivation. He is also engaged in stock-raising, at this writing having seventy-six hogs, sixteen cattle and five horses.

Mr. Holden was married July 31, 1883, at St. James, by the Rev. A. L. Lobben, the bride being Miss Carry Olson. Mrs. Holden was born June 15, 1860, her parents being Ole Johannesen and Anne Christensen. Of their children we make record as follows: Christian Frederick, born May 4, 1884; Nellie Cristina, September 25, 1885; Otto, January 5, 1887; Anna Matilda, May 24, 1888; Alvilda Martha, December 16, 1889; John, July 16, 1892; and Jens Christian, April 20, 1894.

Mr. Holden is ranked with the pioneer settlers of the western part of the county. He has bravely overcome the many trials and difficulties incident to life on the frontier, and in addition to the ordinary hardships of such a life, the Holden family have met serious losses by prairie fires. Mr. Holden is held in the highest esteem by his neighbors, and has served in almost every capacity as a township officer.

PEDER SYVERSON, a prosperous farmer of Galena township, Martin county, Minnesota, dates his birth in Norway, February 10, 1849. He is a son of Syver and Mary (Jacobson) Syverson, and was the fifth born in a family of five sons and two daughters,—Hans, Syver, Iver, Ragnil, Peder, Ingeborg and Ole. All came to America except Hans. Iver was the first of the family to emigrate to this country, the date of his coming being in 1869, and his settlement was in Iowa, where he still resides. Peder left his native land on the 14th of April, 1870, landed in New York after a voyage of three weeks, and immediately came West and joined his brother in Mitchell county, Iowa, where he worked for wages on a farm until his coming to Minnesota.

It was in June, 1873, that the subject of our sketch came to his present location in Martin county, Minnesota, and took claim to a tract of land under the homestead law, this land comprising the north half of the northwest quarter of section 14, township 104, and range 32; and in 1889 he purchased the north half of the southeast quarter of section 15, same township and range. His farm is all under cultivation and is nicely improved. His residence was built in 1878, and his barn in 1893. At this writing the place is stocked with twenty-five hogs, eleven head of cattle and seven horses; and both in his general farming and stock-raising Mr. Syverson is meeting with success.

He was married March 23, 1874, to Marit Jenson, born September 16, 1855, the daughter of Ole and Berit (Iverson) Jenson, the names of her brothers and sisters being as follows: John, Elsie, Iver, Andrina, Anton, Matilda and Paulina. Mrs. Syverson and her brother John and sister Elsie were born in Norway, and the others in America. Paulina died when young. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Syverson are as follows: Syver Olaus, born December 12, 1874, died June 26, 1875; Bertha Maria, born July 5, 1876, died June 25, 1879; Syver Olaus, born September 11, 1878; Edward Bernhardt, December 11, 1880; Emma Maria, August 3, 1883; Henry Oscar, July 25, 1887; Johann Gerhardt, January 11, 1889; and Otto Emil, February 5, 1892.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Syverson are identified with the Lutheran Church. He was confirmed in Norway, the 18th of October, 1863, by the Rev. Eric Salmer, and the date of her confirmation was May 2, 1870, the Rev. C. L. Clauson officiating.

DR. JAMES M. SMITH, a prominent physician and surgeon of St. James, was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, December 31, 1857, a son of A. M. and Martha (Underwood) Smith, natives of East Tennessee, and of English and German descent. The latter departed this life in 1864, at the age of thirty years. James M., the second of five children, remained at home with his father until eighteen years of age, after which he spent three years in the State University of Iowa, at Iowa City, and in 1886 graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Des Moines. After following the practice of his profession for two years in Easton, Minnesota, Dr. Smith entered the Rush Medical College of Chicago and was graduated from that institution in 1888. He next practiced one year at Minnesota Lake, and since that time has been one of the leading physicians and surgeons of St.

James. His practice extends over Watonwan, Cottonwood, Brown, Blue Earth and Faribault counties. In his social relations, Dr. Smith is a member of the M. W. of A.

F. B. LOOMIS, a highly esteemed farmer of Walnut Lake township, residing on section 29 (postoffice Wells), is one of the pioneers of the county, arriving here in 1872.

He was born in Steuben county, New York, October 8, 1842. His father, Jeduthan Loomis, also a native of that State, and of an old Connecticut family, married Phoebe Stiles, also a native of Steuben county, and they had fifteen children, of whom ten grew to years of maturity.

Mr. Loomis, whose name introduces this brief sketch, was reared to farm life in his native county, where he was trained to the principles of industry and integrity. His school education has been well supplemented with lessons drawn from practical experience and observation. He also was employed at heavy labor in the woods and in sawmills for some time. At length he made two trips to the West, going to Kansas, Iowa and Minnesota, and finally decided to locate in Faribault county, where he had relatives and acquaintances living. He purchased a 160-acre tract of rich land from Ephraim Weston, who secured the same as a homestead from the Government. This place he has improved until he has made of it a fine home. The residence, erected on the Southern plan, twenty rods from the road, is 16 x 24, with Ls 12 x 20 and 12 x 12, and the extensive lawn is graced by trees, etc., and has a modern windmill, barn and other outbuildings required by a first-class farm. He also owns another good farm, 160 acres, near Owatonna, in Steele county, also three and a half acres within the limits of Owatonna. There is a well of soft water on section 29.

He was married October 22, 1874, at Blue Earth City, to Annie Hyndes, a lady of intelligence and of a good family, a native of Ogle county, Illinois. When she was three years of age her parents removed with their family to Geneva, in Freeborn county, Minnesota. Her father, Thomas Hyndes, a native of Vermont, died in 1873, leaving six children, as follows: Annie Loomis (wife of the subject of this sketch), John, Thomas, Mary Jane, Harriet and Isabelle. The mother of these children is still living in Steele county, now aged sixty years.

Mr. Loomis has three children, namely: Edward S., nineteen years of age and engaged in the drug business in Wells; Minnie Blanche, ten years of age; and Florence May, three years old.

Mr. Loomis is a Republican in his political views. He has been Supervisor of his township, Township Treasurer and member of the School Board for a number of years. He is a popular officer as well as a highly esteemed gentleman in all his ways. Mrs. Loomis is a member of the Baptist Church and an efficient worker in the Sunday-school.

JAMES CRAYS, a farmer of section 11, Winnebago City township, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, July 30, 1831, a son of Alexander and Eliza (Vanderbilt) Crays. The father was a native of Scotland, and originally the name was McRay, but was changed to Crays. He came to this country when a boy and served in the war of 1812. The mother was born in Pennsylvania, of Holland Dutch descent. James was reared to

farm life until fourteen years of age, receiving his education in the public schools and in an academy at Deerfield, Ohio. After leaving home he was employed on the old Ohio Canal, and while thus engaged was associated with the late President Garfield, following that occupation during the summers and attending school in the winters. He was afterward employed for two years as clerk in a mercantile store at Deerfield, for the following five years conducted a store at Poygan, Winnebago county, Wisconsin, spent four years at Reed's Corners, Fond du Lac county, and in 1861 came to Minnesota. In the spring of 1862 Mr. Crays located in Winnebago City township, purchasing his present farm of 180 acres on section 11, and has made many valuable improvements on his place.

In political matters, he acts with the Republican party, and has filled a number of township offices, having served as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, as County Commissioner, and has been a member of the School Board for many years. Religiously, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Crays was married December 28, 1851, to Miss Adelia M. Everitt, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Jacob and Eunice (Lane) Everitt, natives respectively of New Jersey and Connecticut. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and his death occurred in Ohio in 1891, when he was aged eighty-five years. His widow is still living, aged eighty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Crays have had five children, four now living, namely: Edmond W., a farmer of Winnebago City township, who married, in 1884, Miss Elvira Knap, of Minneapolis, this State; Emogene, wife of L. K. Carson, also of this township; Jessie L., wife of William L. Hopkins, of Baltimore, Maryland; and Walter Scott, a farmer of this township, who married, in 1888, Miss Lucy Iler, of the State of Washington.

J. G. HELLEN, D. V. S., is successfully engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery in Heron Lake, Minnesota. He has spent the greater part of his life in the West, but claims Pennsylvania as the State of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Latrobe, Westmoreland county, on the 23d of February, 1858. He is one of the seven children of Norvill Harwood and Malinda (George) Hellen, and six of the number are now living, as follows: B. H., who is a real-estate dealer of Chicago, Illinois; J. G., of this sketch; Belle, wife of W. F. Smith, of Webster City, Iowa; C. D., editor of the Webster City Tribune, of Webster City; W. H., who is now in the lecture field; William N., a newspaper reporter; and H. M., who died in boyhood.

The father of this family is a native of Maryland, born in 1821. During his early youth he went to Philadelphia, where he became a clerk in a clothing store, and continued there until thirty years of age. The gold excitement was then at its height, consequent upon the discoveries in California, and, like thousands of others, Mr. Hellen went to the famed El Dorado, hoping rapidly to acquire wealth there. After two years of successful mining he determined to seek a home again in the East, and in 1853 again reached the Keystone State. There he was married, and in the spring of 1856 he came to the West with his little family. He purchased 2,100 acres of land in Hamilton county, Iowa, located thereon, and

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has since owned that property, which has become a valuable tract. He transformed much of it into rich and fertile fields, and continued farming until 1874, when he removed to Webster City, Iowa, where he has since made his home. For many years he has been actively and extensively interested in real-estate dealings, and is a very large landowner, having valuable town property and farming lands which yield him a good income and make him numbered among the wealthy citizens of the community in which he now resides. He is to-day an energetic, enterprising man of seventy-four, alive to the best interests of the town and county and well informed on matters of general interest and on all current events. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, unfaltering in support of the party principles, and his sons give their allegiance to the same organization. His life is one of marked success, and he furnishes to his children an excellent example of thrift, enterprise and business ability.

Dr. Hellen spent his early life in Hamilton county, Iowa, and when sixteen years of age entered the schools of Webster City, where he acquired a good education that fitted him for the practical and responsible duties of life. At the age of twenty-two he entered upon his business career as a liveryman of Webster City, but in the spring of 1881 went to Silver Cliff, Colorado. He did not tarry long, however, in that State, but returned to his old home, then went to Chicago for the purpose of studying veterinary surgery. On completing a thorough course he at once entered upon active practice, and in his undertakings has prospered. He was located in Streator, Illinois, and later in Pecatonica, that State, then went to Rockford, same State, whence he removed in 1888 to Minneapolis, where he practiced for three years. In 1891 he came to Huron Lake, where he has since made his home, and from the beginning his skill and ability in the line of his chosen calling has brought him a large business. He takes advantage of every opportunity to further perfect himself in his work, and his progressive spirit is thus manifest.

The Doctor was married October 29, 1880, to Bertha Thompson, daughter of Abram Thompson, of Pecatonica, Illinois, and to them were born four children, three of whom are now living: Charles W., Ellen and Malvina. November 25, 1889, Dr. Hellen was again married, his second union being with Miss Belle Parks of Monroe, Wisconsin, daughter of J. K. and Jennie (Loveland) Parks, who were Wisconsin people. One child graces this marriage, Norvill Harwood.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. Hellen is one of the finest residences in Heron Lake and was erected by the Doctor,—a monument to his enterprise and industry. It is tastefully furnished and its hospitable doors are ever open for the reception of their many friends. The Doctor has also built a large barn for professional purposes. In politics he is a stalwart advocate of the Republican party, one of its leaders in this community.

HON. FRANK A. DAY, of Fairmont, was born in Green county, Wisconsin, in 1854, and removed to Fairmont, Martin county, Minnesota, in the month of June, 1874, at which time he formed a partnership with Colonel C. H. Bullard and established the Martin County Sentinel, of which paper he has since been editor.

In 1878 he was nominated and elected to the lower house of the Minnesota Legislature and has three times been elected to the State Senate to represent the Sixth District. He was a delegate at large from Minnesota to the Republican National Convention in 1892, and was an ardent supporter of Benjamin Harrison. On January 24, 1895, a vacancy occurred in the office of Lieutenant Governor, by reason of Lieutenant Governor Clough succeeding to the office of Governor. Mr. Day was chosen to fill this place by the State Senate, on the first ballot, by a vote of 36 to 13.

Mr. Day is married and has three children.

WILLIAM DUNN.—There are men in all communities whose influence is felt rather than seen, whose lives and characters, like the deep under currents of a mighty stream, have deeper and weightier effects in modeling their surroundings and in shaping the course of events than those who in outward appearance may have an important showing in the affairs of a community. Among the quiet earnest men whose depth of character and strict adherence to principle excite the admiration of those with whom they are brought in contact is, William Dunn, and this work would be incomplete without at least brief notice of this well known citizen of Pilot Grove township, Faribault county.

He was born in Ireland, March 25, 1848, and is numbered in the family of nine children who were born of the union of Thomas and Ellen (Keenan) Dunn, the others being Mary, now the wife of Timothy Daly, who is living in Pleasant Prairie, Minnesota; Kate and Jennie, who reside in Pilot Grove township with their brother William; Daniel, who makes his home in St. Paul, Minnesota; Ella, wife of William Mackey, of St. Paul; Thomas and Alice, twins, the former living in Pipestone county, this State, and the latter in St. Paul; and Lizzie, who is also living in the last named city. The father of this family was for many years engaged in mercantile pursuits on the Emerald Isle, and his father was a cloth manufacturer for years,—the family being well-to-do people for some generations in the land of their nativity.

In the year 1852 Thomas Dunn, accompanied by wife and children, crossed the Atlantic to the New World and took up his residence in the wilds of Marquette county, Wisconsin, locating on Indian lands. The family lived for twelve years in that State, the father and sons carrying on farming; and in the spring of 1865 they came to Minnesota, settling on a farm on section 22, Pilot Grove township, Faribault county, which spot became the family homestead. There William Dunn passed the greater part of his declining years, but in 1890 went to St. Paul and made his home with his son Daniel until called to the life eternal in the spring of 1893. He had reached the ripe old age of eighty-nine, and death ended a long and useful career, which commanded the respect of all with whom he met. His wife also died in St. Paul, and many friends mourned the loss of this estimable lady.

William Dunn was only four years of age when his parents left the green Isle of Erin, and was a youth of seventeen when the family came to this State. His home has since been in Pilot Grove township, and he lived on the home farm with his parents until thirty-five years of age, when he began farming in his own interests. By pur-

chase he became the owner of 200 acres of rich land on section 22,—the southeast quarter of the section,—and here he carried on agricultural pursuits and to some extent has engaged in stock-raising, He is a man of enterprise and energy, and few idle moments are known in his busy life. He devotes himself untiringly to the work in hand, and systematic and careful business methods have brought to him a success which he justly merits.

On the 15th of April, 1885, was celebrated a marriage which united the destinies of Mr. Dunn and Miss Kate Doyle, a daughter of Peter and Ann Doyle. The lady is a native of the neighboring State of Wisconsin, and one of a family of six children. Her parents are still living and are now residents of Martin county, this State. In 1894 Mr. Dunn was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who was called to her final rest in the spring of that year. She possessed many excellencies of character, was a loving and devoted wife and mother, and a firm true friend. Her death is therefore deeply mourned by many others outside her own household, which is now desolate. Her two children, Peter and Blanche, still survive her.

The Democracy finds in Mr. Dunn a stalwart supporter, he having been identified with that party since becoming a citizen with the right of franchise. In township matters he always takes a deep interest, and in the development and progress of the county. He served for several years as Township Clerk, later was Assessor, and at the present time is chairman of the Town Board of Supervisors. His worth and ability have called him to office, and he efficiently serves his constituents in all the positions of trust in which he is placed. He is known as one of the representative, level-headed young men of the day, always in the front rank of any enterprise which needs the attention of the best class of citizens, and to such interests he gives his earnest support and co-operation.

PERRIN M. MARSTON is one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Delavan township, Faribault county, Minnesota. Of his life and ancestry, we make record as follows:

Perrin M. Marston was born in the province of Quebec, Canada, June 30, 1855, the youngest son of the seven children of Samuel and Sarah (Willey) Marston. Samuel Marston was born September 30, 1800, in the historic town of Bridgewater, New Hampshire, and when he was a small boy removed with his parents to the province of Quebec, where they lived for many years. He was a miller by trade but took up farming as an occupation when he came West. In 1856 he located in Iowa, where he remained three years, and then in 1859 came to Faribault county, Minnesota, settling first in Verona township. In the spring of 1862 he took claim to 160 acres of Government land on section 17, Delavan township, and on it built a board shanty and began the work of developing a farm. On this farm the rest of his life was spent, and here he died January 20, 1876, at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Marston was an active, energetic man, and one of the representative, public-spirited men of his day and place. Grandfather Marston was a native of New Hampshire. He was well along in years at the time of his removal to Canada, and there he died in extreme old age. The Marstons originated in England, were represented in the Massa-

chusetts Bay Colony in its earliest history, and for years were prominent and leading citizens of New Hampshire.

Perrin M. Marston was a year old at the time his parents returned to the United States, and from his fourth year he has been a resident of Faribault county. He was educated in the common schools of this county, and since arriving at man's estate has been engaged in farming upon the land his father located in Delavan township. Here he has a fine farm of 240 acres, well improved with good buildings, etc., and is ranked with the leading young farmers of his vicinity. He gives his attention to raising both grain and stock, now having about twenty head of cattle and a large number of hogs.

Mr. Marston was married April 4, 1877, to Miss Eliza Robbins, a native of Jefferson county, Wisconsin, and one of the family of six children of John and Nancy Maria (Smedley) Robbins, her parents being natives of New York State. Mr. and Mrs. Marston have six children living,—Curtis Sidney, Pearl Roscoe, Mary Ruth, Lida Myrtle, Harold Frost and Zella B. Curtis S. is now attending Parker College.

Mr. Marston and his wife are earnest members of the Free Baptist Church of Winnebago City. In politics, he is an ardent Republican.

G A. FAIRFIELD, of Heron Lake, Jackson county, Minnesota, was born in Dayton, Michigan, October 9, 1859. At an early age he learned the printer's trade at South Bend, Indiana, and was for a time city editor of the Daily Register at that place. In 1878 he came West locating first at Dubuque, and afterward, in 1879, went to Elkader, Iowa, where, until 1893, he was interested in the publication of the Elkader Register. During the year 1893 he was one of the proprietors of the Daily Star, at Dixon, Illinois. In 1894 he purchased the News at Heron Lake, which he now publishes.

He was married in 1891, to Miss Grace A. Ely, of Elkader, Iowa, and to them four children have been born,—Charles B., Eva G., Ord A., and Marion,—all of whom are living.

H P. SIMPSON, a farmer of section 8, Fraser township, is a son of Robert and Isabel (Vance) Simpson, natives of Nova Scotia. They remained there until about 1854, and then moved to Maine, both dying in Portland, that State, the mother at the age of seventy years and the father at the age of seventy-five years. They were the parents of seven children, two now living,—Daniel and H. P.

The latter was born in Nova Scotia in 1831, where he was raised to farm life. At the age of sixteen years he left there for the State of Maine, and left after working on farms a few years in the vicinity of Portland and Boston, and then was employed in a tannery in Portland three years, during which time he was married. He afterward spent about twelve years in Portage county, Wisconsin. In 1865 he enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company B, Forty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteers, was sent to Athens, Alabama, and received his discharge in October of the same year. In 1866 Mr. Simpson came to Minnesota, locating on the farm he now owns, which consists of 240 acres. At that time there were but three houses in Fraser township,

and they were the second settlers here. For their first residence they dug a hole in the ground, to which they added three logs, and for a time lived without a floor.

In 1855 Mr. Simpson was united in marriage with Rachel Densmore, born in Nova Scotia in 1828, a daughter of William and Annie (Antny) Densmore, the former a native of Nova Scotia. They lived and died in Nova Scotia. Our subject and wife had two children. The eldest, Isabel, was formerly a school-teacher, and is now the wife of John Watson, of this township. They have four children,—Noble, Iva, Bessie and Vance. Sarah Ann married Frank Thompson, of Galena township, Martin county, and they also have four children,—Ila, Lila, Hugh and Ashley. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson also adopted and raised a boy, Willie. In his political views, our subject is a stanch Republican, and has served as Postmaster here at May for eight years, receiving his commission in 1869. This place is half way between Winnebago City and Jackson, and the stage changed teams and the driver and passengers took dinner at his house. Mr. Simpson also held various offices in Hope Grange, P. of H., during the existence of that order here.

WILLIAM CLARK ALVORD, a highly respected farmer of Sherburne, Minnesota, was born October 2, 1838, at Hamilton, Madison county, New York, his parents being Daniel B. and Sarah Sweet (Holmes) Alvord.

Five brothers by the name of Alvord emigrated to this country from England prior to the Revolutionary war, and one of these brothers was the great-great-grandfather of William C. Daniel B. Alvord, the father of our subject, was born in Connecticut, May 6, 1807, and moved with his parents to New York, when he was quite young. In the fall of 1848 he came West to Green county, Wisconsin, where he remained one year and whence he removed to Winnebago county, Illinois. In 1850 he located in Clinton county, Iowa, where he made his home until 1856. June 27, 1856, he came to Minnesota and purchased Government land in Olmsted county, where he carried on farming operations until the summer of 1867. At that time he removed to Martin county and located the place upon which his son William C. now lives. This farm is the northwest quarter of section 3, township 101, range 32. Here the father passed the closing years of his life and died, the date of his death being March 4, 1890. He built a portion of the house now occupied by his son, and planted the grove in 1869. His wife was born June 14, 1817, and is still living with her children.

William C. Alvord began life for himself when he was twenty years of age, remaining a member of the home circle, however, until the removal of the family to Martin county, Minnesota, in 1867. He continued to reside in the eastern part of the State, engaged in teaming, until 1869. That year he came to Martin county and took a homestead claim—the southwest quarter of section 2, township 101, range 32. This tract is still owned by him. In 1875 he came to the place where he now lives and which had been homesteaded by his father, this tract also now being owned by him, the two farms comprising 297 acres. He has about eight acres in woodland and 250 acres under cultivation, and at this writing his land is stocked with eleven

head of cattle, nine horses, and about sixty sheep.

Mr. Alvord was married February 28, 1870, to Miss Mary Holmes, and their children are as follows: Nettie Addie, born February 10, 1872; Julia Octavia, July 14, 1874; Helen May, May 1, 1877; Pearl, July 6, 1879; Luther, July 8, 1881; Marion, February 17, 1885; and Williametta, March 16, 1889.

Mr. Alvord has served two years as Supervisor of the town. He is a Republican in politics, and in religion a member of the Congregational Church.

REV. J. E. CONRAD was one of the pioneer ministers of Faribault county. His grandfather, Peter Conrad, emigrated from Prussia to America in the year 1760, settling in Pennsylvania, where he remained until the year 1776, when he removed to North Carolina. His son Rudolph married Mary Shell, by whom he had five children. The third son, Peter, married a Miss Sarah Abernethy in 1810, whose ancestors originally came from Scotland. There were born to these, while in Lincoln county, North Carolina, four children,—David, Elizabeth, Jacob and Clarissa. In 1820 Peter Conrad removed to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where two more children were born,—George and Mary. In 1823 he finally settled in Perry county, Missouri, where he resided until the day of his death, which occurred in 1843. His wife died in 1847.

The subject of this sketch was of this family, born in North Carolina, April 7, 1814. He lived with his parents on the farm in Missouri until he was twenty-two. In 1830 he was converted, and some years afterward felt called to the ministry. Educational advantages were not readily accessible in those days, especially to a young man without means. High schools such as those of the present time were almost unheard of. In November, 1826, at the age of twenty-two, taking all his earthly possessions with him on his horse, he started for Mission Institute, founded by Dr. Nelson near Quincy, Illinois, a distance of 250 miles from his home, intending to prepare for the foreign mission work. This institute was a manual-labor school where students by economy and diligence supported themselves while obtaining an education. Here he remained nine years, supporting himself by his own work.

In 1845 he was licensed to preach by the Schuyler Presbytery, of Illinois. In September of the same year he went to Lane Seminary, where he spent one year, taking the middle-year course and the lectures of the two other years, meanwhile supporting himself by assisting the steward of the boarding hall.

In June of the following year he returned to Quincy, where he was married to Therina Jane Brockway, and in November of the same year he accepted a call to preach to the First Presbyterian Church of Warsaw, Indiana, where he remained nine years. Here there were born three children, two of whom died in infancy. In 1853 his wife died, leaving him with an infant son of eighteen months. The following year he was married to Miss Margaret Slagle, of Shiloh, Indiana.

In the spring of 1856, with a babe of six months and the son by his first wife, he came to Minnesota, by the only means of overland transportation of those days, the

emigrant wagon. The first summer was spent in the vicinity of Rochester, where he often preached, assisting in the organization of the first Presbyterian Church of Winona, and during this time he preached the first sermon ever delivered in La Crescent, under an oak tree. On the 14th of November he reached the place now known as old Mapleton, in Blue Earth county, taking a claim on Lura lake, in the present town of Sterling, where he retained his principal residence until 1890. He was employed by the American Home Missionary Society, at a salary of $200, to preach in Mapleton and vicinity. In August, 1857, he organized the first Congregational Church of Sterling. In addition to his duties as a minister of the gospel, as he possessed the only horse team in the community, he carried the mail and brought in provisions to the impoverished colony. He supplied the Sterling Congregational Church for six years. During the same period he organized the churches of Winnebago City and also of Blue Earth City. The church at Winnebago was first organized as a Congregational Church, in 1858, but afterward, at the earnest solicitation of the people, it was reorganized as a Presbyterian Church. The organization of the First Presbyterian Church of Blue Earth City was effected in April, 1859. During the six years he was the sole supply of the three churches. In 1870 he organized the church then known as fhe Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, but now known as the Amboy Presbyterian Church, and was its only pastor for twenty-one years. At three different times he left his residence on the farm in order to be near his parishioners and better push the work of the respective churches, twice moving to Blue Earth City, and once to Wells. During the period passed over he preached at many other points and organized other churches.

But this sketch would be incomplete without some word of recognition of her who stood so faithfully encouraging him in all his work and enduring with cheerfulness the deprivations and hardships of the pioneer life, and by her very presence making the home attractive to those who knew her best. Four children were born in Minnesota, making six in all, three sons and three daughters. Of these the oldest son, George Arthur, is living on a part of the old homestead in Blue Earth county, Minnesota. The second son, Arcturus *Z.*, is pastor of the Old South Congregational Church, of Worcester, Massachusetts. The third and youngest son, William O., is pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Blue Earth City, Minnesota. The oldest daughter, Eleanor E., was married to a physician, Dr. T. B. Francis, and is living in Edgerton, Minnesota. The second was married to a railroad conductor, Mr. F. C. Wells, and removed to Oregon, where she died, in 1890, leaving two infant daughters. The third was married to a Congregationalist minister, Rev. A. H. Sedgwick, and is residing in Nashua, Iowa. The two sons now preaching both worked on the farm until they were twenty, then worked their way through college and seminary. A. *Z.* graduated at Carleton College, in the class of 1882, and at Union Theological Seminary in 1885. He then became the pastor of the Ainslie Street Presbyterian Church, of Brooklyn, where he remained for five years. W. O. took his academical course at Carleton, of this State, and the first two years of his collegiate course, taking the remainder in Amherst College, Massachusetts, graduating in 1887. His seminary course was taken at Union

Seminary, New York, at which he graduated, in 1890, coming directly to Blue Earth City, where he has since resided. The mother died in the fall of 1882, having finished the work which God gave her to do.

Since 1890 Rev. J. E. Conrad has made his home with his youngest son, in Blue Earth City, being now in his eighty-first year, and until very recently preaching with unabated vigor, whenever opportunity offered, without unusual fatigue. He was a charter member of the first Presbytery of the State, also of the first Synod, and almost the only one that is left. While enjoying the the friendship and fellowship of those who esteem him both for what he has been and is, and while enjoying the blessings of a vigorous old age, he is looking heavenward, with even greater joy, in the faith in which he has lived, and declares, "I am simply waiting my summons to go hence."

S W. SHOEN, who has long resided in Faribault county, is one of the worthy citizens that the Empire State has furnished to Minnesota. He was born in Louisville, St. Lawrence county, New York, on the 23d of March, 1831, and is a son of Shephard T. and Philinda (Wells) Shoen. The father was born in Lower Canada, and as a boy accompanied his parents, William and Sallie (Shephard) Shoen, to St. Lawrence county. The father built a log cabin on what is known as Stacey's island, in the St. Lawrence river. His home was in the midst of a dense timber belt; in fact from the surrounding forest he secured the logs and lumber for his primitive residence. During the war with England he was drafted into the British service and took part in some field duty, but soon his sympathies were enlisted on behalf of this country and it was not long after this that he sought a home in the United States. Here he turned his attention to farming,—a pursuit which he followed until called to his final rest.

Shephard T. Shoen was thus reared amid a frontier settlement, and after he had attained to manhood he purchased a small farm adjoining the old home. He afterward went to Canada and was employed in the lumber regions and in rafting on the river for a time, but the greater part of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. He died at the old home in St. Lawrence county, in the eighty-third year of his age, and his wife is still living in Louisville. Although she has reached the age of eighty-three her years rest lightly upon her and she retains possession of her faculties almost unimpaired.

Their family numbered three sons and two daughters, of whom S. W. is the eldest. The others are Clarissa, widow of Franklin Sutton and a resident of Louisville, New York; George, who carries on farming in St. Lawrence county; Elijah, who operates a part of the old homestead; and Lucy, wife of Orin Strait, a carpenter and builder of Louisville, New York.

The gentleman whose name heads this record spent his youth upon the home farm and received the benefits of a common-school education. When he was twenty-five years of age occurred one of the most important events of his life,—his marriage to Miss Mary A. Duel, a native of Louisville and a sister of Mrs. E. D. Willson, of Minnesota Lake. The wedding ceremony was performed in a hotel in Potsdam, New York, by a Universalist minister, January 6, 1866. The lady was born on the 15th of March, 1837, and is a daughter of Cornelius and

Sarah (Henry) Deuel. In their family were five sons and seven daughters, namely: Emily, wife of Thomas McGee, a farmer of St. Lawrence county; Ruth, wife of James H. McJurry, deceased, who was a farmer of St. Lawrence county, and died in Wright county, Iowa; Lovina, who died in St. Lawrence county; Mary, wife of our subject; a twin brother of Mary, who died in infancy; Jane, wife of Thomas Hodge, an agriculturist of St. Lawrence county; William, who was killed by lightning while living in Deuel, South Dakota; Horace, who died in Louisville, at the age of eleven years; Sarah, wife of E. D. Willson, of Minnesota Lake; Calvin, a farmer of Glencoe, Minnesota; Vila, who died at the age of six years; and Ira, who is engaged in the banking business in Goldfield, Wright county, Iowa, and with him lives the mother of this family. The father devoted his life to farming, and his death occurred when he had reached the allotted age of three-score years and ten. His wife is still enjoying good health, and on the 4th of March celebrated her eighty-fifth birthday.

The winter of 1868 Mr. Shoen spent in the West, working in the timber belt of Eau Claire county. In the spring he continued his journey to Faribault county, and on section 12, Lura township, secured eighty acres of Government land, to which he removed his family the following October. Hauling lumber from Waseca he erected a frontier home, 14 x 20 feet, and nine feet in height, with a roof and floor of basswood. He has since carried on farming. In the course of time he had his land under the plow, and abundant harvests were garnered. Fine improvements were added from time to time, and the farm is now one of the valuable properties of the township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shoen have been born the following children: Silas is engaged in farming on section 17, Lura township, Faribault county, where he operates 100 acres of land; Horace is a farmer of Cottonwood county, Minnesota, who has now rented his farm and resides at home; Gerald carries on agricultural pursuits in Watonwan county, Minnesota; George owns a farm on sections 9 and 10, Lura township, and is the popular liverymen of Easton; he was married October 31, 1887, to Miss Henrietta Lang, daughter of Edward and Martha (Eyar) Lang, and a native of Lura township, born November 22, 1868; their three children are Edward G., born April 15, 1889; Earl Eugene, born January 18, 1892; and Ellis S., January 28, 1893. The other members of the family of S. W. Shoen are: William, who resides on the northwest quarter of section 12, Lura township; Philanda, deceased wife of Samuel James, who was a farmer of the town of Mapleton, and their children, Alta May and Allie G., have lived with their grandparents since the mother's death; Mary L. is still at home with her parents, who since 1891 have resided in a pleasant home in Minnesota Lake.

Mr. Shoen is now enjoying the rest which he has so truly earned and richly deserves. His life has been a busy one, and his labors brought to him a comfortable competence which now supplies him with all the comforts of life and many of its luxuries. Since casting his first presidential vote for James Buchanan he has been a supporter of the Democracy, but has never been an aspirant for official honors. His duties of citizenship are conscientiously performed, and in all the relations of life, whether public or private, he is ever true and honorable.

REV. LUDWIG MACK.—The office of one who holds clerical orders is one which imposes greater obligations and a more perfect self-abnegation than that of any other profession; there must be a consecration of one's life, and he must never turn aside from those manifold duties which put to severe test the faculties of both mind and heart. He who essays to enter upon this divine calling with the intention of being an acceptable worker in the vineyard must needs have a character of strength and innate nobleness, for otherwise ignominious failure will result. The public is not slow to recognize the success attained by a pastoral incumbent, but it seldom goes below a superficial estimate of the causes and means which have insured this success. One who has thus sown the seed and has in due time garnered the grateful harvest has not done this save at great sacrifice of self and when actuated by the highest motives. Therefore in touching upon the career of the subject of this brief review we can feel a reverential regard for him and for the good he has wrought, for there must come, as the details are mentioned, an inkling of the true worth which has sought its highest duty in true humility of spirit.

Ludwig Mack was born near Heidelberg, in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany, in the year 18—, receiving his education in that famous city and in England, where he spent three years in preparing himself for his life work as a clergyman of the German Evangelical Church.

He came to America in 1883, locating in Minnesota, and being installed as pastor of Saint John's Church, located on Sixteenth avenue, North Minneapolis. This charge he retained for four and one-half years, going thence to Oak Grove, Pierce county, Wisconsin, where he assumed the pastorate of Saint John's Church, over which he presided until 1892, in May of which year he took charge of Saint John's Church at Fairmont, Minnesota, where he has since remained and where his earnest efforts have been rewarded in the upbuilding of the work in his parish and in advancing the cause of the Master. This church was organized in 1889, by the Rev. —— Kurtz, who was succeeded by Rev. L. Schymperlin, the charter members of the church having been George Wohllhuter, Frederick Welchlin, Henry Anderman, Paul Kosbab, Henry Schafer, Henry Wilken, William Wotter, Leonard Riegel and George Rossmeier. The immediate predecessor of our subject was the Rev. A. Santner, who had charge of the church for over two years. In addition to Saint John's Mr. Mack also had pastoral charge of the church organization in Fraser township until November 1, 1894. The church has now fifty-eight members, and its affairs have been duly prospered in both a spiritual and temporal way. The Sunday-school has an enrollment of fifty scholars. During six months of the year the pastor devotes four days in each week to teaching and preparing children for confirmation.

QUICHAEL GARRY, County Commissioner of Martin county, and a farmer of section 14, Pleasant Prairie township, was born in county Meath, Ireland, twenty miles from Dublin, September 26, 1833, and remained in his native place until sixteen years of age. He then came to the United States, spending fifteen years in Boston, Massachusetts, purchased a place and spent one year east of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and then sold

that farm and came to Martin county, Minnesota. In September, 1867, he purchased the farm he now owns, consisting of eighty acres of wild land, the only improvements on the place being a one-room house. Mr. Garry has added to his original purchase until he now owns 240 acres, all of which is under a fine state of cultivation. The family have never been away from the place one night during their entire residence here!

Mr. Garry was married in Boston, January 12, 1861, to Mary Faley, a native of Ireland, but she came to America at the age of twelve years and located in Boston. To this union have been added ten children, namely: Thomas, born in Boston, is now engaged in agricultural pursuits in Faribault county; Patrick and Andrew, also natives of Massachusetts; Annie, wife of James McNary, of Pleasant Prairie township; and Maggie, Mary, Michael, John, Ellen and Katie, born on the home farm.

Politically, Mr. Garry is connected with the Democratic party. He was elected County Commissioner in 1886, re-elected in 1892, and still holds that position. He is also chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Postmaster of Pleasant Prairie, and was Town Treasurer many years.

C. MELVILL, a retired farmer of St. James, Minnesota, was born in India, February 25, 1863, a son of Richard G. Melvill, of the Indian Civil Service, a native of England, and grandson of Canon Melvill, of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England.

When our subject was three years of age he was sent to his grandfather, General Van Cortland, C. B., in England, to receive an English education in due time. He was sent for three years to H. Evans, a mechanical engineer of London, graduated at Queen's College, Galway, Ireland, in 1880, and then completed the course in civil engineering, at the Royal Indian Engineering College, Cooper's Hill, England.

Coming to America in 1884 Mr. Melvill immediately located in St. James, Watonwan county, Minnesota, purchasing 280 acres of land in South Branch township, but afterward sold that place and bought two farms in the northern part of the county. Again selling his farms he purchased the place where he now lives, consisting of 478 acres, which joins the village of St. James, and most of the farm is platted in small tracts. Mr. Melvill filled a vacancy as County Surveyor, and was elected to that office in 1890, in which he served two years.

April 24, 1894, our subject was united in marriage with the daughter of Ch. Miether, Esq., London, England, Miss Antonia, who was an artist studying under W. P. Frith, Royal Academician. She is a native of Germany, but for sixteen years resided with her parents in London, England. Mr. and Mrs. Melvill's daughter, Viola, was born on the 1st of February, 1895.

In political matters Mr. Melvill acts with the Democratic party.

HENRY A RHODES, a practical and progressive farmer of Heron Lake township, Jackson county, Minnesota, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Indiana county, on the 20th of November, 1864, the youngest of a family of nine children, seven of whom were boys. Those that still survive are Isa M., a farmer in Indiana county; Peter F., pas-

senger conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, residing at Bissell, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; Melissa (Rhodes) Condron, home, Indiana county, Pennsylvania; Jennie A., and H. A., the subject of our sketch.

The parents were Lewis and Matilda (Bremizer) Rhodes, both natives of the Keystone State. The father was born on the 25th of January, 1816, was by occupation a farmer, and followed that pursuit throughout his entire business career, and died in the State of his birth at the ripe old age of seventy-three years.

He was a consistent and devoted member of the Lutheran Chnrch and whatever tended to advance the cause of Christianity received his support and co-operation. The mother was a devoted member of the Baptist Church, and died at the comparatively early age of forty-three years.

We would now call attention to the personal history of Henry A. Rhodes, a well-known and influential citizen, who in the history of his adopted county well deserves mention. During his boyhood he aided his father on the home farm, early becoming familiar with its duties. In the winter he pursued his studies in the schools of the neighborhood, and in the spring would resume work in the fields. In the spring 1884 he began the study of telegraphy, and in August of that year went to Chicago, Illinois, where he was employed as assistant in a Western Union office for a few weeks, and was then given charge of an office and followed that pusuit for several months. The 19th of November, 1885, witnessed the arrival of Mr. Rhodes in Jackson county, which has since been his home. He purchased 160 acres of wild prairie land, and in the following spring began the work of subduing the tract which had heretofore been a stranger to improvement. As a result of his earnest and untiring labors he has now a fine farm with good buildings, which stand as monuments to his labor and thrift.

The home is a comfortable dwelling, the large barn is a model of convenience, and the granary and other outbuildings add to the value and substantial appearance of the place. The water used on the farm is supplied by a deep tubular well, a windmill furnishing the motive power for pumping.

In connection with his other pursuits Mr. Rhodes makes a specialty of the breeding and raising of Poland-China swine, and has one of the best herds of that noted breed to be found in Jackson or adjoining counties. He has devoted much time and money to the improvement of his herd, and the result attained is very gratifying.

On the 15th of January, 1891, he was married to Miss Mary Gove, who was born, reared and educated in Clinton county, Iowa, after which she took up the work of teaching. Two children grace the union of our subject and his wife, both daughters, Janet A. and Gretta M.

In his political principles Mr. Rhodes is in sympathy with the People's party. He has been honored with several local offices of trust; has served his township as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and at this writing is Justice of the Peace and Town Clerk, filling those offices in a faithful manner, which is recognized by the commendation of all concerned. He is a Neighbor in Camp No. 1970, M. W. A.

He possesses the enterprising progressive spirit so characteristic of the West, and, although a young man, is regarded as one of the leading men of the community.

Mary (Gove) Rhodes was, as before

stated, born in Clinton county Iowa, the date of her birth being the 3d of January, 1867. Her parents were Benjamin F. and Angeline (Jones) Gove. Her father was born in Deering, New Hampshire, on the 14th of March, 1826, and moved to De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa, in 1851. He was a prominent citizen and much respected by all who enjoyed his acquaintance. He was by occupation a farmer and followed that pursuit until the time of his death, January 1, 1895. Her mother was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, and moved to Clinton county, Iowa, with her parents when twelve years old, where she still resides. She was the daughter of John and Lucinda (Fulton) Jones. She is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gove five sons and four daughters, of whom all the sons and two daughters survive, The children are Charles W. and Benjamin W., of Windom, Minnesota; Mrs. Rhodes, the wife the subject of our sketch; Edwin J., Albert S., James H. and Martha L.,—residing at home in Clinton county, Iowa.

JACOB BACHTLE is one of Faribault county's most honored pioneers. J. G. Holland has said that the history of a country is best told in the lives of its people, and in recording the life of Mr. Bachtle we certainly give much of the history of this locality. He has figured prominently in its development and progress and is a worthy representative of its agricultural interests. He was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, February 8, 1835, and comes of a family of upright men and Christian women, numbered among the best people of the communities in which they lived. The paternal grandfather, John Conrad Bachtle, born November 22, 1741, was a baker by trade and served in the capacity of Judge. He was married March 3, 1772, to Anna Maria Barho, who was born May 21, 1748. Their lives were well spent and the latter passed away December 2, 1782, while the former died on the 26th of March, 1815.

Jacob Bachtle, father of our subject, was also born in Wurtemburg, in 1793, and he, too, followed the baker's trade the greater part of his life, although he carried on farming to a limited extent. For three years he was in the army serving under Napoleon from 1812 to 1815. He always lived in the land of his nativity and his life was such as to command the respect and confidence of all with whom he was brought in contact. He was a Christian,—a member of the Lutheran Church,— and he left to his family a good name, when called to the home beyond on the 20th of January, 1853. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Christine Burck, was also a native of Wurtemburg, born December 8, 1796, and their marriage was celebrated October 3, 1822. Her righteous life was ended February 21, 1859, and her remains were interred by the side of him who for so many years had been her husband and to whom she had ever been a faithful helpmeet. The Lutheran Church found in her a consistent member, and Christianity was exemplified in her character.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bachtle were born five children. Christine, the eldest, born March 24, 1823, is the widow of William Coats and is still living in Wurtemburg. Johanna, born November 11, 1831, became the wife of Louis Kroemer, of Wurtemburg, and died January 2, 1861. Jacob is the third of the family. Caroline, born July 5, 1837, died in her native land October 18, 1861. Chris-

tian, born in the same country, November 21, 1839, served for three years as a German soldier. He followed farming in Germany, and in May, 1883, crossed the Atlantic to America, settling on the Barren Stowe farm on section 34, Lura township, Faribault county. He married Frederica Rath in 1867 and died September 17, 1894, his remains being interred in the "city of the dead" on section 21, Lura township.

Mr. Bachtle of this sketch was reared in his father's home and acquired a good education in his native tongue, which has also been greatly supplemented by the experience and information gained in contact with the world and in familiarity with its affairs. He was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in the land of his nativity and remained under the parental roof until reaching his majority, when he determined to seek a home in the New World. Severing the ties which bound him to "the little German home across the sea," he bade adieu to kindred and friends and on the 6th of November, 1856, sailed from the Fatherland for London and four days later found himself aboard the Victoria, a three-mast English sailing vessel bound for New York. The journey consumed forty-nine days, during which the ship was tossed by wind and waves and suffered considerable damage, including the destruction of the mainmast. There were 160 passengers on board, but at length the Victoria with its precious freight reached the harbor. Mr. Bachtle remained in New York city for four months, employed in a sugar refinery, and as a remuneration received $50 for the three first months and $75 for the last month of his labor there. Going to Genesee county, New York, he secured work as a farm hand in Stafford township and while there first became familiar with the English language, of which he is now a master. For four years he continued his farm labors and then again occurred a change in his residence.

In the meantime, however, Mr. Bachtle was united in marriage with Miss Adelia O'Leary, a native of county Cork, Ireland. On the 6th of April, 1861, in the town of Leroy, he led the young lady before Father Miller, who pronounced them man and wife. She was born January 9, 1833, and is a daughter of John and Margaret (Noonan) O'Leary. Her mother died when Mrs. Bachtle was in her eleventh year. Her uncle, Thomas Noonan, early in the century had sought a home on American soil, and in New York city had wedded an American lady. Several sons were born to them, after which they returned to the Emerald Isle, and later they again came to the United States, this time bringing with them the gentleman's niece, Adelia O'Leary. They sailed on the three-masted vessel, Jack Robinson, and such severe storms were encountered that the passengers were afraid that they should never again see land; but after five weeks' sailing anchor was dropped in the harbor of New York. As soon as old enough Miss O'Leary began earning her livelihood as a domestic, and entered the employ of a hotel man, with whom she went to Batavia, New York. Later she went to the home of Judge Oscar Brown, a leading citizen of Genesee county, and was living there when our subject met and wooed her.

Three months after the wedding they started out for Waukesha county, Wisconsin, locating near North Prairie in October, 1861. There Mr. Bachtle secured one acre of land and engaged in farming for others, continuing his labors until June, 1864, when

they started for Minnesota in a "prairie schooner" with their two children,—Jacob Wasemus, who was born February 14, 1862; and John August, born March 25, 1864. In their wagon, drawn by oxen, was some bedding and an old-fashioned cook-stove, they passed through White Water, Madison, Milton and Prairie du Chien, were ferried across the river to McGregor, Iowa, and continued on their journey to Faribault county, Minnesota, where Mr. Bachtle secured a quarter section of Government land on section 22, Lura township. He brought logs from Cobb river in Blue Earth county, a distance of more than sixteen miles, and with these erected a little cabin 16 x 20 feet. The boards for the flooring were brought from Vernon Center, and the shingles from Minneapolis, and a primitive structure was built which was the home of our worthy pioneers for some time and was the shelter of many men now distinguished in Faribault county. The amiable hostess always had a cheerful welcome for the weary or belated traveler, and the latch-string of that hospitable home was always out. There the citizens of the locality often met to discuss plans for the upbuilding of the township and for the advancement of its welfare, and on Sunday the parish rider would speak there the cheering words of the gospel. Many were the hardships and difficulties of frontier life to be endured, but Mr. and Mrs. Bachtle made the best of their opportunities and lived contentedly in their far western home,—happy in the love of the family growing up around them. When they located on the claim there was not a stick of timber or stone there that could be advantageously used, no building upon the place or well to supply water; but after a time a good well was dug, furnishing an ample supply of nature's beverage, and the once barren prairie was transformed into rich and fertile fields, the waving grain amply repaying with a golden tribute the care and labor which the owner had expended. The pioneer dwelling also has been replaced by a pleasant frame residence, which was erected in 1881; but now, living retired in their comfortable home in Mapleton, the worthy pioneer people recall many happy days spent in the log cabin. The first load of wheat which Mr. Bachtle took to market was drawn by four oxen to Faribault, where he sold it for forty-five cents per bushel, securing with the money many comforts to take home to his waiting family.

While caring for the farm Mr. and Mrs. Bachtle also gave their care to the rearing of their family, who do credit to them. The children, seven in number, are as follows: Christopher, who was born January 31, 1866, in Lura township, Faribault county, died June 28, 1893, and lies buried in the little cemetery opposite the old farm; Jennie, born August 31, 1868, is the wife of Samuel Evans, a popular young farmer living on section 28, Lura township; Carrie A., born April 6, 1870, began school-teaching at the early age of fourteen years, but afterward left that work in order to further pursue her the studies in the Mankato Normal School, at which she was graduated in the class of 1891. She has been a successful teacher in Lura township and in Easton, and is now employed in that capacity in Prescott, Wisconsin; she takes great pleasure in her work and is a most able instructor; Marie A., born October 16, 1872, also taught school for a time, but is now engaged in the millinery business, making her home with her parents; George H., born June 13, 1873,

died August 30, 1879, and was also laid to rest in Lura cemetery; John A., is a wide-awake and enterprising young farmer who now operates the homestead; February 5, 1891, he married Effie L. Probert; Jacob O., died July 30, 1889, and was laid to rest by the side of the other deceased members of the family.

Mr. Bachtle votes independently of party ties, holding himself free to support the man whom he thinks best qualified for office regardless of party affiliations. He has neither sought nor desired political preferment, yet has been called to public office, and during the greater part of his residence in Faribault county he has served as School Treasurer in a most acceptable manner. For several terms he has been a member of the Town Board of Supervisors, and whenever called to office he has discharged his duties with a promptness and fidelity that has won him universal commendation. His first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln, the martyr president. In his social relations Mr. Bachtle is connected with Delavan Lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F., of which he is a charter member.

We have now given the outlines of one of the worthy citizens of Faribault county. Many interesting incidents of his career space forbids us to mention, but enough has has been said to indicate his strong characteristics and the controlling influences of his life. In his young manhood he determined to try his fortune in America and came to this country with a resolution to succeed, a resolution he has carried out with a determination and steadfastness well worthy of emulation. His prosperity has come to him through no outside aid, but through unremitting toil, good business ability and capable management. He met obstacles and encountered difficulties, but these seemed but to serve as an impetus to renewed and more concentrated effort, and in the end he came out victorious. The hardships of the frontier he shared uncomplainingly, and for his declining years he has a handsome competence, the fruit of former toil.

HENRY DIEDRICH FINKE, a well-known farmer residing near Welcome, Minnesota, dates his birth in Hanover, Germany, August 13, 1841, his parents being Frederick John and Margaret (Logeman) Finke.

Frederick John Finke was born and passed all his life in Hanover, Germany. He was a farmer by occupation, and died in April, 1866, at the age of about sixty years. His wife died in 1869. Of their family we make record as follows: Christian, born in 1839, is married and has several children; Henry D., the subject of this article; William, a resident of this county; and August, also engaged in farming in Martin county. Henry D. and William came to America together in 1867, and since 1868 have occupied adjoining farms. They married sisters, the Misses Hulsemann, on the same day, and both have large families. Further mention of their settlement here will be found in the sketch of Mr. D. H. Hulsemann.

Henry D. Finke was married February 20, 1870, to Miss Mary Hulsemann, and their family record reads as follows: Fritz Henry Diedrich, born December 9, 1871; Hannah Lena Margareta, September 7, 1873; Emma Hannah Dora, January 18, 1876; Henry William Frederick, April 16, 1878; Edward Christian Frederick, October 22, 1879; Rosa Anna, October 8, 1882; and

Mr. & Mrs. S. G. Swearingen.

Mary Minnie, September 8, 1887. Hannah Lena Margareta was married November 9, 1894, to D. E. Diekman, and they are living on a farm in Lake Belt township, this county.

Mr. Finke is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

ISAAC GEORGE SWEARINGEN, an early pioneer and retired farmer of Martin county, was born in DeWitt county, Illinois, July 2, 1838, a son of John B. Swearingen, who was born, reared and married in Kentucky. His father, Daniel Swearingen, was born in Pennsylvania in 1772, of Welsh descent. The first of the Swearingen family in America located in Maryland in 1692. Daniel Swearingen moved to Lewis county, Kentucky, where his children were born. The mother of our subject, *nee* Jane Brown, was born and reared in Pennsylvania, a daughter of William Brown, of Irish descent. John B. and Jane Swearingen were married in Lewis county, Kentucky, in 1803, moved to Adams county, Ohio, in 1828, thence to Vermilion county, Illinois, in the following year, next to Champaign county, that State, and in 1838 to DeWitt county, where he remained for twenty-four years. Mr. Swearingen served as Justice of the Peace of that county fifteen years. In 1857 he located in Blue Earth county, Minnesota, where he operated a mill three years. In 1860 he came to Martin county, Minnesota, where he built and conducted a water-mill on Silver lake ten years, the first mill in the county. His death occurred in his eighty-fourth year. He was an active worker in the Republican party. Mrs. Swearingen survived until eighty-nine years of age. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: James, of Fairmont; Elizabeth, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Samuel, of California; Daniel, of Missouri; Abram, of Perry, Iowa; Lydia, deceased, was the wife of William H. Budd; Isaac George, our subject; William, of Fairmont township; Rebecca, wife of Robert Tyler, of Fairmont; and David, a miller of this place.

Isaac George Swearingen remained in his native place until nineteen years of age. He came with his parents to Minnesota in 1857, and after his marriage located on a homestead in Blue Earth county. On this place he built a small board cabin 14 x 16, which was destroyed by a cyclone, after which he built a log cabin 16 x 16 feet. In 1860 he sold that farm and purchased land in Rutland township, Martin county, built a log cabin 16 x 18 feet, and remained there until the opening of the Civil war. He enlisted in Company C, Sixth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, took part in the battle of Fort Blakely and other small engagements, and served until the close of the struggle. After returning from the army Mr. Swearingen remained on his farm in Martin county until 1890, and since that time has resided in Fairmont.

March 21, 1858, Mr. Swearingen was united in marriage with Lorain Allen, born in Wyoming county, New York, June 28, 1840, a daughter of Russell Allen, a native of Vermont and a farmer by occupation. He located in New York when a young man, where he was married, and in 1857 removed to Blue Earth county, Minnesota. In 1866 he came to Martin county, and lived with our subject twelve years. His death occurred in West Union, Iowa, in his eighty-third year. Mrs. Swearingen's mother, *nee* Eliza Hutchinson, was born and reared in New York, and died there at the age of

thirty-five years. They had four children,—Zoeth, of St. Louis, Missouri; Jane E., deceased; Amy M., wife of Abram T. Swearingen, of Perry, Iowa; and Lorain, wife of our subject. The last named came with her father to Blue Earth county, Minnesota, in 1857, and was just seventeen years old the day she arrived on Blue Earth river. She taught the first school in Martin county, in the first house built in the village of Fairmont, the same being a primitive structure, only twelve feet square. Her next school in this county was near Huntley, in a board shanty, the roof slanting one way. She then taught in a log schoolhouse in Fairmont. Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen have two children. The son, George B., was born in Silver Lake township, Martin county, in October, 1863. He married Lottie M. Canright, a daughter of J. E. and Delia (Walbridge) Canright, and to this union have been born two children, Warren G. and Hettie Helen. The daughter, Lena May, was born in Rutland township, Martin county, September 8, 1872. She married Irving Crissinger, and they have two children, Olive L., and Irva May. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Swearingen affiliates with the Republican party, and has served as a member of the Board of Supervisors. He is a member of Phil. Kearny Post, G. A. R.

WILLIAM FINKE has resided on his farm near Welcome, Martin county, Minnesota, since 1868, and is therefore ranked with the early settlers as well as the representative farmers of the community.

Mr. Finke was born in Hanover, Germany, March 6, 1844. Reference to his ancestry is made in the biography of his brother, Henry D. Finke, in this work.

February 20, 1870, William Finke married Miss Minnie Hulsemann, daughter of a German who emigrated to this country with his family and settled near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, whence he came to Minnesota. Mrs. Finke was a most estimable woman, and after an active and useful life passed to her reward above, April 28, 1894. A record of their children is as follows: Lena Margaret, born December 22, 1871, is the wife of Albert Pilz, a farmer of this county, their children being Charles and Hulda; Lydia Anna Mary, born March 1, 1873, is the wife of Louis Schaeffer, a farmer of this county, and their only child is Frederick; next came one that died in infancy; Dora Minnie Sophia, born December 13, 1875; William Frederick Diedrich, May 31, 1878; Edith Mary, April 30, 1880; Ernest Diedrich Henry, August 12, 1882; Aaron August Frederick, December 24, 1884; Minnie Ann Margaret, May 9, 1887; Alwin Henry Fritz, October 3, 1889; and Oscar Fritz, October 24, 1891.

JAMES C. MOTT, a well-known citizen of La Crosse township, residing on section 22 (postoffice Heron Lake), was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1850. His father, V. G. Mott, deceased, was born March 28, 1827, in Susquehanna county, that State, reared on a farm and in his youth learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for some time, in Pennsylvania, Missouri and Minnesota; was married September 15, 1847, to Martha Gastin, a native of Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Stephen Gastin, who was a native

of New Jersey and a soldier in the war of 1812, married Fannie Thompson, and both of them finally died in the old Keystone State. Mr. V. G. Mott moved to Keytesville, Chariton county, Missouri, in 1857, where he was employed at his trade and agricultural pursuits. During the great war of the rebellion he connected himself with the Tenth Missouri Cavalry, in the service of the United States, and was in the army a year.

In 1864 he came to Madelia, Watonwan county, Minnesota, where he lived until 1873, when he came to La Crosse township, Jackson county, locating upon a claim of wild Government land, of which he made one of the most valuable farms in the township, having also upon it a magnificent grove of ten acres; residence and farm buildings excellent. Mr. Mott was an intelligent farmer. He had five children, as follows: Horace D., who died at the age of nine years; James C., the subject of this sketch; John and Maria, deceased; and Mary E. Bennett, of Worthington, Minnesota. Mr. Mott was a Republican, Town Assessor two years, a member of B. F. Sweet Post, G. A. R., and of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him, was a kind husband and father, a good citizen, and his death was felt as a great loss to the community.

The subject of this sketch was a lad of fourteen years when he came to Madelia. He received the most of his education in Missouri, and after coming to this State he attended school one winter. On starting out in life he took at first a timber claim, which, however, he subsequently sold, and he purchased the farm of 160 acres where he now resides. It is a fine farm, everything upon it being in good shape. The dwelling is 20x24 and two stories high; barn, 42x48; and there are a granary and other good outbuildings, a fine grove, etc.

In 1878 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Dixon, and by that union had two children,—Gertie and Ina. For his present wife he married, in 1886, Miss Lizzie Hudson, a daughter of Henry Hudson, who was an old settler of Madelia and who married Elizabeth Peel. Mr. James C. Mott, our subject, has one son,—Lee Bennett. Mr. Mott is a Republican in his views of national questions, has been Township Clerk, Supervisor, and Clerk and Treasurer for some years of the School Board. He is also a member of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 157, I. O. O. F., of Lodge No. 1256 of the Modern Woodmen, and of Lodge No. 93 of the A. O. U. W. He is an intelligent and influential citizen.

J. A. WELKER, of section 3, Walnut Lake township, and residing near Wells, has been a citizen here since 1877, and is now president of the Board of Supervisors.

He was born in Fillmore county, this State, September 3, 1859, a son of S. F. Welker, deceased, who was one of the well known citizens of this township, born in Columbiana county, Ohio. The Welkers are of an old Pennsylvania family of "Pennsylvania Dutch" ancestry, noted for their industry, economy and virtuous life generally. Mr. S. F. Welker married Catharine Graham, a native of Ohio and a daughter of James Graham, who was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Welker was one of the first settlers in Fillmore county, arriving there with his family in

1877, settling on section 3, Walnut Lake township, where he opened and improved a valuable farm. In his political principles he was a Democrat, and he was an honored and useful citizen. His surviving wife remains on the old homestead. They had five children, viz.: J. A., Abiah, Malinda Ann, Amy and Ray.

Mr. J. A. Welker, whose name is at the head of this sketch, was brought up on the farm in Fillmore county, trained in the habits of industry and virtue. Coming to this county in 1877, with the family, he helped his father in the improvement and cultivation of the new place. In 1886 he settled upon his present farm, which comprises 160 acres of rich land, four miles from Wells. His beautiful residence is of the cottage style, and the farm buildings are neat and convenient. Besides the usual buildings he has a modern windmill and a fine sixteen-horse-power steel mill for grinding feed for the domestic animals and for threshing grain. He is a scientific farmer.

He was married December 20, 1883, to Miss Erma Ward, a native of Hancock county, Iowa, and the daughter and youngest child of Jacob Ward, one of the early settlers of that county. For his wife he married Emily Aldrich, and he was finally killed in a cyclone. Mr. Welker, of this sketch, has three children: Edna May, Eva Catharine and George Ray.

Mr. Welker is a Republican in his political principles, but in local elections he votes for the best man, as do most intelligent citizens. He is Clerk of the School Board, and has been president of the Board of Supervisors. In his social relations he is a member of Lodge No. 39, A. O. U. W. He has a good physique and is frank and pleasant in his manner.

JOHN S LAMPHIER, a prominent citizen of Walnut Lake township (postoffice Wells), was a pioneer here, having located in this county as early as October, 1863, upon a homestead claim.

He was born in Steuben county, New York, February 7, 1834. His father was Samuel Lamphier, also a native of that county, married Mary Ann Sharp, a native of the same county and a daughter of Robert Sharp, a soldier of the war of 1812. Samuel Lamphier had ten children, namely: Amy, Sarah, John Sharp, Andrew, Louisa, Jane, Phebe, Olive, Helen, Samuel. The mother of these children died at the age of seventy-one years, and their father at the agevof seventy-six,—both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a farmer by occupation, and in politics a Whig and Republican.

Mr. John S. Lamphier, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared in Steuben county, New York, upon a farm, receiving his education in the common schools; for some years he was also employed in a sawmill as engineer. On his birthday, at the age of twenty-three years, he married Maria Loomis, a native also of that county and a daughter of Jeduthan Loomis, who was born in Connecticut, a son of Elisha Loomis, also a native of that State. Mrs. Lamphier's mother's maiden name was Phebe Stiles, and she too was born in Steuben county, a daughter of Jotham T. Stiles, whose father, Timothy Stiles, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Jeduthan and Phebe Loomis had fourteen children, of whom ten grew up to years of maturity, as follows: Maria A., Warren, William, Francis Burton, Elisha, Mercy A., Mary A., Eunice, Ella, Forster and Anna. Their father died June 13, 1877, in

Faribault county; their mother is still living, now aged eighty years.

In 1863 Mr. Lamphier came to Allamakee county, Iowa, locating at Postville. In October of that year he took a homestead where he now lives, at first occupying a shanty 14 x 14 feet, which he now uses as a carriage shed. In the early day, however, it was made a hospitable home for many people; as many as fifteen persons have slept in it at one time. At present Mr. Lamphier has a good residence, 16 x 24, two stories high, with L 14 x 20, one story, and outbuildings in keeping with the character of a thrifty farmer. His farm comprises 100 acres. In pioneer times he had to go seventy-five miles to market, namely, to Mitchell, with an ox team, taking a week for the trip and sleeping under the wagon.

His children are: Elmer J., Emmit B., Cora Edith, besides two deceased,—Inez Adell, a bright, intelligent young lady of a good education, great amiability and well qualified to engage in the teachers' profession, which she intended soon to do, who died at the age of twenty-one years; her loss to the family and community was sad indeed. The other child deceased was Ella E., who died at the age of two years.

Mr. Lamphier, in his politics, is a Republican, and he has been Supervisor and a member of the School Board. Both himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, ornaments of their profession.

J. C. BYRNES, Mayor of the village of Wells, has been a resident of this place since August, 1888. He is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born April 4, 1854.

His father, Nicholas Byrnes, of a good Irish family, emigrated to the United States at the age of eighteen or twenty years, first locating in New York and afterward in Philadelphia. Being a gentleman of considerable education and clerical ability, he was employed as a clerk in a wholesale house for a time; next for a while he was employed in iron works at Pittsburg; and then he came to Minnesota, settling in Houston county, where he remained until the spring of 1877, moving to Ramsey, Mower county, Minnesota, where he operated a large farm until 1884; moving from there to Iona, Murray county, Minnesota, he purchased a large farm, and has been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits since. His age is now seventy-four years. In Philadelphia he was married to Miss Bridget Flynn, a highly esteemed lady, who also is a native of Ireland. Mr. Nicholas Byrnes and wife had nine sons and two daughters.

The subject of this sketch, the third born, was brought up in Philadelphia and in Fillmore and Houston counties, Minnesota, receiving his education in the common schools and learning the practical lessons of life from business experience. For fourteen years he was with Boner, Wheeler & Hyde, grain-dealers, at Ramsey, this State; then was at Colman, Moody county, South Dakota, until he came to Wells, in 1888. His elevator here, built in 1894, has a capacity of 16,000 bushels, and is a substantial and modern one, well adapted for its purpose.

In public matters Mr. Byrnes is one of the wheel-horses of the Democratic party in his community. He was elected Mayor in the spring of 1894, and is a popular officer, making a good record. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. Lodge, No. 39.

In June, 1890, he married Miss Mary L.

Morrison, of a good family, the daughter of Michael and Ellen (Daaly) Morrison. Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes have three children, namely: William Joseph, Charles Stewart and Electa May.

Personally, Mr. Byrnes is large and well proportioned, being about six feet high and weighing 215 pounds, is frank and genial in manner, and is a popular business man.

J. M. G. PRICE, a prominent lumber dealer of St. James, is a native of Canada, born in Ontario on the 9th of November, 1835. The family is of Welsh origin, the great-grandfather being a native of Wales and the founder of the family on this side the Atlantic,—making a location in New Jersey. The grandfather, Thomas Price, was born in Newark, New Jersey, and removed to Ontario, Canada, where in 1805 occurred the birth of Peter Price, father of the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He was a farmer by occupation and in his early years he married Miss Mary Jane Gillespie, also a native of the same locality. Her father, William Gillespie, was born in Pennsylvania and was of Scotch, Irish and English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Price were married in the land of their nativity, settled upon a farm and on that old homestead are still living, the father having reached the advanced age of ninety years, while the mother is now eighty-two years of age. This worthy couple are the parents of seven children.

J. M. G. Price, the second son and second child, had educational advantages of the common schools, which he attended until sixteen years of age. He then began to earn his own livelihood by clerking in a general store, but still continued to make his home with his parents until eighteen years of age. Resolving to see more of the world, and, if possible, benefit his financial condition by trying his fortune elsewhere, he made his way to Fox Lake, Wisconsin, where he clerked in a general store for about a year. Going to Beaver Dam, he was there employed in a similar capacity until 1857, when he went to the East and as a further preparation for successful business career attended school in Franklin, New York, for two years. On the expiration of that period, he again went to Canada, spending the succeeding year in his old home. In 1855 he was again numbered among the residents of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and in partnership with N. F. Griswold he established a general store at Fall River, that State, carrying on the same for two years. In 1860 we again find him in Beaver Dam, and in 1862 he went to Danville, Wisconsin, where he engaged in clerking for two years. The year 1865 witnessed his removal to Columbus, Wisconsin, where he again engaged in business in his own interest, joining the firm of Bassett & Davies, general merchants. The style of the firm was then changed to Bassett, Davies & Price, and continued for ten years, when he sold out. Becoming a resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, his next venture was in the wholesale tea business, which he carried on for two years; then went to Columbus, in the same State, and engaged in the lumber business, under the firm name of Price & Henderson. This firm continued operations for three years, when the death of Mr. Henderson terminated the partnership, and in 1881 Mr. Price arrived in Minnesota. He continued the lumber business in Norcoss, Grant county until the fall of 1887, and by his next removal St. James gained one of its most valued citizens.

On coming to St. James Mr. Price again established himself in the lumber business, which he has followed continuously since. He has a good yard, keeps on hand a stock which will please his patrons, and thus he has built up a large trade, and by his honorable dealings has gained the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He is a wide-awake, euterprising man, and the success which has come to him is the just reward of his labors.

In 1855 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Price and Miss Frances A. Eggleston, a native of Waukesha county, Wisconsin, daughter of Thomas and Deborah (Austin) Eggleston. Her parents were born, reared and married in England, and on emigrating to America took up their residence in the Badger State among its early settlers. They were in Milwaukee when that now thriving and populous city contained only a few houses, and when much of the land now comprised within the borders of the State was still in possession of the Government. Mrs. Price is the fifth in order of birth in their family of seven children. Her brothers were born in England, and the sisters were born in America. To Mr. and Mrs. Price have been born two sons: the elder, George W., was born in Columbus, Wisconsin, August 30, 1870, and married Miss Minnie Aldrett, daughter of J. S. Aldrett; and Harry E., who was born in Columbus, June 22, 1879, and is now attending school.

In connection with his other business interests Mr. Price is a director of the First National Bank and aided in organizing that institution. His time is thus largely occupied, yet he never slights his duties of citizenship, and is ever ready to aid in enterprises that are calculated to prove of public benefit. Socially he is connected with Libanus Lodge, No. 96, F. & A. M., and is a leading and influential member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is now serving as Elder. Many men have attained success in business and will continue to do so, but in the rush and hurry of commercial life they often neglect the holier duties that devolve upon each individual. Not so with Mr. Price. Though he is prominent in business and has won a well deserved success; he also labors earnestly in the Master's vineyard and his example is well worthy of emulation.

GR. BURSELL is one of the leading business men of Elmore, Minnesota, and as such is entitled to more than a passing notice on the pages of this work.

Mr. Bursell dates his birth in the town of Beachridge, Canada, March 16, 1846, he being one of the seven children of Gorwood and Mary (Henderson) Bursell, and the others as follows: Hannah, wife of William Rice, South Dakota; Susan, who died at the age of nineteen years; W. J., a preacher and real-estate dealer, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Thomas, Fillmore county, Minnesota; Catharine, wife of James C. Rice, Fillmore county; Mary, wife of George D. Sims, Howard, Kansas; and Henry, who died in childhood. Gorwood Bursell, the father, was born in England, in 1808, and when twenty-two years of age crossed the Atlantic and settled in Canada, where he continued to reside until 1856. He was a blacksmith by trade, and was engaged in farming also during the years he spent in Canada. In 1856 he removed to Minnesota and settled in Fillmore county, where he passed the rest of his life, and where he

died in 1878, at the age of sixty-eight years. He commenced preaching when a boy in England, and was a local preacher up to the time of his death. A man of strong individuality, and deeply pious, he exerted an influence for good in whatever community he resided. His wife was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and a daughter of William Henderson, the Hendersons having emigrated to Canada in 1830. Her father died there at an advanced age. Mrs. Bursell passed away in Fillmore county, Minnesota, in 1878, at the age of fifty-nine years. The paternal grandfather of our subject, James Bursell, came from his native land, England, to America, in 1830, bringing with him his family and settling in Canada. He died there in 1854, at about the age of eighty years.

Gorwood R. Bursell, whose name heads this article, was ten years of age at the time his parents left Canada and settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and in that county he lived for a number of years. In September, 1868, he married Imogene L. Walker, daughter of George and Betsey Walker. She was born in New York, one of a family of five children, four of whom are still living. Her brother, Alfonso R., is a resident of Devil's Lake, North Dakota, and her sisters both reside in Iowa, Lucinda being the wife of O. V. Eckert, and Estelle the wife of W. W. Robinson. Her father was born in New York and was a carpenter by trade, but followed farming the most of his active life. He came west to Iowa with his family in 1854, and there passed the residue of his life, dying in 1889, at the age of about seventy-three years. His wife was born in England and came to this country with her parents, their settlement being in New York. She died in June, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Bursell have five children living, four sons and one daughter, namely: Olive May, Mrs. Bert Bedell, of Elmore, Minnesota; Frank E., employed as bookkeeper for his father; Myron E., manager of a flour exchange at Bancroft, Iowa; and George G. and Clinton B., attending school.

Mr. Bursell came to Elmore in the fall of 1885, and has since been identified with the business interests of this place. He built the first elevator in the town, and in connection with his grain business he also deals in agricultural implements, since 1892 having for his partner Mr. P. G. Kleinfelter. In 1893 they purchased a mill, which they have since owned aud operated, it having been built by a company in 1890, and having a capacity of seventy-five barrels per day. Mr. Bursell takes a deep interest in the growth and development of his town and county and always gives his support to every measure he believes intended for the welfare of the people. For two years he has served as a member of the Town Board. In politics, he is a Prohibitionist; fraternally, a member of Elmore Lodge, A. O. U. W.; and religiously, is actively identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, being a Class-leader.

Such, in brief, is a sketch of the life of one of Faribault county's worthy citizens.

WILLIAM PETER, a farmer on section 26, Weimar township, was born in Germany, April 25, 1849, one of the six children of August and Christina Peter. The father also was born in Germany, in 1816, where he grew up, was married, and lived until middle life, when, in 1854, he came to this country with his wife and children, settling

in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he was one of the pioneers, being in the wilderness, almost surrounded by Indians. There the family lived until 1871, when they removed to Minnesota, locating in Jackson county, in Weimar township, among the earliest settlers in this region. He and his two sons each took up a quarter section of Government land adjoining. His subsequent life was passed here, where he died, at the age of sixty-three years.

While living in Wisconsin he enlisted in the Thirty-seventh Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteers, Company E, and in front of Petersburg, Virginia, was wounded in a three days' fight, suffering the amputation of a leg on the field. He was taken to a hospital in Washington and afterward to another at Madison, Wisconsin, in both of which together he was a patient for more than a year. He was discharged from the army at the latter place in June, 1865. His wife died at the age of forty-five years.

William Peter, the subject of this sketch, attended in boyhood the schools of Wisconsin, and in 1864, at the age of fifteen years, being filled with the war spirit, he went to Madison to enlist; but being refused on account of youth, he went to Louisville, Kentucky, and on to Nashville, Tennessee, where he took service as laborer and teamster for the army; was at and about Chattanooga during the greater part of his six months of service. He then returned home, and in the spring of 1865, although not yet eighteen, enlisted in the regular army, in which he served, at numerous points, for three years more, being discharged from the service June 5, 1869, at Fort Garland, Colorado.

Returning to his native State, he in the fall of that year came to Minnesota, and being favorably impressed with this region took up three claims of 160 acres each,—one for his father, the others for his brother August and himself. Settling upon his claim, he has since made his home there.

March 2, 1875, he was married to Katrina Dobereiner, the daughter of Christopher and Margaret Dobereiner, who had six children, all still living, the others being: Barbara, now Mrs. Michael Wildfire, of Fulda, Murray county, Minnesota; Anna, the wife of Mr. Peterson, of Chicago; Lawrence and John, of Fulda; and Johanna, now Mrs. John Leebens, also of Fulda. All the members of this family were natives of Germany, emigrating to this country in 1869 and settling in Chicago, and a year afterward coming to Minnesota and settling in Weimar township on the same section with the Peter family. The father died May 3, 1893, seventy-two years of age, and the mother is still living at Fulda with her children, and is seventy-two years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter have eight children,—Katie A., Minnie J., Johnnie H., Etta F., Bertha A., Willie M., Edward L. and Walter C.,—all living at home on the farm.

Mr. Peter has always been one of the enterprising men of this region. The present family residence, built on the homestead in 1893, is one of the pleasant commodious and modern style of houses, surrounded by a fine grove of five acres.

His fine farm of 240 acres is known as the Lone Tree Farm from the solitary elm which stands upon the homestead near the residence, which latter is beautiful located upon the shore of Heron lake.

In politics Mr. Peter has ever been a Republican, always deeply interested in the measures of the party, though not a politician. He has served his town as Constable

and Supervisor at different times, and was for several years Director of the School Board, of which he is now a member, greatly interested in educational matters. Mr. Peter is also an intelligent member of the A. O. U. W., Heron Lake Lodge, and also a member of the order of Modern Woodmen.

ANDREW CHRISTIANSEN HOLDEN, one of the Americanized Norwegians who is successfully engaged in farming in Galena township, Martin county, Minnesota, was born in Norway, May 29, 1842, son of Christian Johannesen and Carry (Anderson) Holden. Christian J. Holden was born in that country, May 10, 1810, next to the oldest of a family of seven children, and was married January 15, 1839, to Carry Anderson, whose birth occurred November 19, 1813, she being the eldest of a family of eight. He died August 22, 1868, and she is still living, making her home with her son Andrew C. Of their children we make record as follows: John Christianson, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work; Andrew Christiansen, whose name appears at the head of this article; Nels, who was born October 2, 1845, and was drowned while rafting logs in Wisconsin, July 17, 1871; Christian Frederick, born November 24, 1848, is a resident of Helena, Montana; Gunild Maria, born September 1, 1851, is the wife of Jens C. Dahl, of St. Hilaire, Polk county, Minnesota, and they have six children; Andreas, born August 16, 1854, is conducting a nursery at Crookston, Minnesota; Gullik, born January 21, 1857, is engaged in farming in North Dakota; and Carl Christianson, born May 20, 1861, resides with his brother, the subject of this sketch.

Andrew C. Holden was the first of the family to emigrate to America. He left his native land May 20, 1869, and arrived in New York on the 19th of June. From New York he came west to Portage, Wisconsin, and engaged in farm work. In 1870 we find him in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, and the following May he went from there to Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, where he was employed on the construction of a new railroad. In the summer of that year he worked in the harvest field in Mitchell county, Iowa, and the following winter returned to Wisconsin, where he was employed in the lumber woods. April 20, 1872, he came to Martin county, Minnesota, locating on the northeast quarter of section 8, township 104 (Galena), range 32, with the intention of pre-empting it; but later gave up the north half to his brother Frederick, and held the south half. Still later he added the north half of the southeast quarter, same section, and now has 160 acres in one body. He built his present residence in 1873, and has made other improvements on his land. At this writing he has about 100 acres of it broken, and two acres planted in grove. The place is stocked with four head of horses, nine cattle and fourteen hogs.

As stated above, our subject was the first of the Holden family to arrive in America. He was joined by his brother Frederick in 1870, and in June, 1871, the mother and rest of the children came too. Andrew C. and John came in advance of the others to Minnesota, and, after locating the land above described, sent for the rest of the family.

Mr. Holden was married December 31, 1890, to Thora Olson, daughter of Ole and Malline Olson. Mrs. Holden was born July 7, 1867. They have three children: Chris-

tian Frederick, born September 15, 1891; Otto Marinius, June 4, 1893; and Carry, born March 8, 1895.

Mr. Holden has bravely endured the hardships and difficulties of pioneer life, is highly respected in his neighborhood, and takes a commendable interest in local affairs. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and is a member of the Lutheran Church, having been confirmed in October, 1857, by the Rev. Carl Wilhelm Buck, in the parish of Holden Bratsberg Amt, Norway.

RUDOLPH NEUENSCHWANDER is one of the prosperous and respected farmers of Waverly township, Martin county, and has identified himself thoroughly with the interests of the section and of the country which he has adopted as his home.

The place of his nativity was in the famed and picturesque canton of Berne, Switzerland, where he was born, on the last day of the last month of the year 1851, being the son of John and Margaret (Roser) Neuenschwander. The father, who is now deceased, passed his entire life in his native land, where he was engaged in farming. He was one of five brothers, the others being Jacob, Peter, Samuel and Christian. John and Margaret Neuenschwander became the parents of seven children, of whom we make brief mention as follows: Elizabeth, who became the wife of Samuel Fuhr, died in her native land; Margaret, who married Samuel Fuhr (not related to her sister's husband), and they are residents of Switzerland, being identified with agricultural pursuits; Susan, who is the wife of John Bitzer, a farmer of Switzerland; Rudolph, the subject of this sketch; Magdalena, unmarried and a resident of Chicago; Rosena, the wife of Frederick Finger, a farmer residing near Mount Eaton, Ohio, both having come from Switzerland prior to their marriage: they are the parents of nine children; and Jacob, who died at the age of thirty years.

Mr. Neuenschwander was educated in his native land, beginning attendance at school at the age of eight years. His first teacher was Samuel Feller, and for one year he was a pupil of Rev. Mr. Hopp, by whom he was ordained in the Evangelical Church. He attended school until he was fourteen years old, and the four succeeding years were spent at home on his father's farm, after which he spent four weeks under military training, and another year at home. At the age of nineteen he went to learn the wagon-maker's trade, under the guidance of Chris Baumgardner, serving an apprenticeship of two years; then went to canton Wallace, and worked at this trade one summer, and the succeeding two years were spent in the same way at canton Watt and Eagle, was a member of a mechanics' society or institute, and served as its treasurer for one year. We next find him at canton Gamf, where he spent only four weeks, and the same length of time at Morsay, after which he returned to the old homestead, then in possession of his sister, and remained one winter.

On leaving his native land for America he was accompanied by his sister Rosena, a Mrs. Meyer, and three others. After arriving at New York they proceeded to Chicago, remaining there but a few days, when he engaged as a farm hand on Burr Oak farm, at $1 a day, and remained there a year, during a part of which time he was afflicted with fever and ague. After spend-

ing a month in Chicago he next took passage on a sailing vessel to Fort River, Michigan, where for the summer he was fireman in a sawmill, at $35 a month. Thence he went to Green Bay and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and back to Chicago. He and his brother Jacob engaged to mine coal in Indiana; but, not liking the job, he remained there but a few hours. Next he was employed on a railroad, at $1.60 a day, in that State, where Jacob remained until his death. Returning to Chicago, he went thence to southern Michigan and cut cord-wood one winter. Again he returned to Chicago and in company with five other men went on a sailing vessel to Escanaba, Michigan, and on to Menominee, same State, on foot, being three days and two nights without food or shelter! At Menominee Mr. Neuenschwander was employed in a sawmill one year, at $15 a month. Next he went to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and back to Chicago, and the two following years worked on a farm in Cook county, for Mr. Cox, at $180 a year, and then six years for Mr. Stusse, at $200 a year. In 1884 he came with him to Minnesota, and built a house for him, in which he kept "bach" until he was married, which was about a year after coming here. He then took up his abode on his present farm, which comprises the southwest quarter of section 32, Waverly township, and to the cultivation and improvement of this he has since devoted his attention. He erected a good residence upon this place during his first year there, and now the entire farm is one which bears evidence of thrift and painstaking care. In addition to general farming he has a good line of live stock, including horses, two mules, cattle, hogs and sheep. One thousand and sixty acres of the farm are under cultivation by the plow, and four acres are occupied by a fine grove.

July 7, 1885, Mr. Neuenschwander and Matilda Rosskopf were united in marriage. She was born February 1, 1865, the daughter of Anton and Elizabeth (Haysmith) Rosskopf. They are the parents of five children, namely: Louie Rudolph, born November 29, 1886; Frederick, born September 1, 1888; Charlie, February 3, 1890; Frank, February 19, 1892; and Albert, November 9, 1894.

Though not an active worker in the field of politics, Mr. Neuenschwander gives his support to the Republican party, in whose doctrines he believes are represented the best policies calculated to insure the peace and prosperity of the nation.

CHARLES SNYDER is one of the representative farmers of Rutland township, Martin county, and has the honor of being a veteran of the late war of the Rebellion, in which he did active and valiant service. Amid the picturesque scenes of Switzerland our subject passed his youthful days, having been born there on the 19th of August, 1835, in the canton of Berne, where is located the capital city of the little republic. His parents were John and Mary (Itten) Snyder, the former of whom was a son of Nicholas Snyder, who was engaged in farming, in his native land, and who died in March, 1847, at the age of sixty-six years. He married Margaret Wolf, and their children were three in in number, namely: John, father of our subject; Nicholas and Jacob. Two children died in infancy. John Itten, the maternal grandfather of our subject, died in 1835, aged seventy-five years, his widow passing

away two years later. The maiden name of the latter was Mary Itten, and she became the mother of eight children, namely: Mary, the mother of the subject of this review; Susan, John, Jacob, Abram, Christian, Daniel, and Rudolph. Our subject's father was born in March, 1805, and his death occurred July 12, 1880. He was a farmer, and he came to America in 1857 to join his sons, Jacob, Charles and Christian, the first of whom had come hither in 1852, and the other two in 1856, locating in Riga, Monroe county, New York, where the father died. The mother of our subject was born in March, 1804, and accompanied her husband to America. She died December 26, 1871, in the State of New York. They were the parents of eight children, of whom we make brief record as follows: Mary; John; Nicholas, deceased; Jacob; Charles, subject of this sketch; Christian; Daniel, deceased; and Nicholas, the second of this name.

Our subject and his brother, Christian, sailed from Havre, France, on the 1st of April, 1856, arriving at the port of New York, on May 5th. They went to Monroe county, New York, and there for fourteen years our subject was engaged in farm work. May 25, 1871, witnessed his arrival in Martin county, Minnesota, where he purchased the homestead right of James Dickinson, the same comprising 160 acres, on section 28, Rutland township. At the time when he came into possession the only domicile on the place was a rude shanty, but within the same year Mr. Snyder completed the erection of his present convenient house. As fortune has smiled upon his energetic efforts our subject has added to the acreage of his possessions, until he now has 400 acres, of which all but 100 acres is under cultivation. In carrying on the work of the fine farm Mr. Snyder is assisted by his sons, and is not compelled to resort to hired labor.

Mr. Snyder was married April 9, 1868, to Magdalena Oberly, the daughter of Ulrich and Magdalena (Buhler) Oberly, the date of her birth having been January 27, 1837. Of their children we give the following data: George Henry was born April 10, 1869; Frederick Carl, born March 28, 1871; and Mary Magdalena, born March 3, 1874.

Politically Mr. Synder is a Republican, and when he first came to Rutland township he served as Constable, being subsequently the incumbent as Township Supervisor, and now and for the last ten years has held the office of Assessor, besides several minor trusts. Both he and his wife are zealous members of Rev. F. L. Frey's church, at Fairmont.

In conclusion we will give a few details concerning our subject's military career, which was one characterized by much patriotic spirit and faithful service. In August, 1862, he enlisted as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Fortieth New York Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until his discharge, at Rochester, New York, on the 3d of June, 1865, having been Corporal of his company and having been mustered out as such. He was an active participant in seventeen engagements, and among this number were some of the most fiercely contested battles of the entire war,—prominent on the list being the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg (three days), battle of the Wilderness, Bowling Green, Spottsylvania, Petersburg and Appomattox. He was present at the surrender in the last named place. At Five Forks he received a flesh wound in the right arm, but was confined to the hos-

pital only one night. He was never made a prisoner, but his health became greatly impaired by reason of the exposures and hardships incident to his long service. He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

HERMAN ORLEMANN, an enterprising and successful business man of Wells, claims Rheinhessen, Germany, as the land of his birth, and the date of that event is November 24, 1857. He was one of the five children of Jacob and Adelaide Orlemann, and the others are all yet living in the Fatherland. Jacob Orlemann was a wide-awake, progressive business man, who for many years engaged in the lumber and coal trade, thereby becoming a prosperous citizen. He died in 1888, at the age of fifty-eight years, but his wife is still living, at the old home.

The gentleman whose name heads this article was educated in the schools of his native town and remained at home until entering the German army, in which he served for three years, in accordance with the laws of his native land. When he left the service he determined to seek a home in America,—the "land of the free,"—hoping thereby to benefit his financial condition. Accordingly, in February, 1882, he embarked on a westward bound steamer, and when he had reached this country he located in Brooklyn, New York, where he remained for six months. He then removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he entered a commission house in the capacity of clerk, continuing to act in that capacity for a year, when in the spring of 1883 he came to Wells, in the employ of Colonel Thompson, having engaged to develop a grape garden. He had become thoroughly familiar with the culture of grapes in his native land, and was therefore well fitted for this work, to which he devoted his energies for a year. He then secured a position as clerk in the Wells House, where he remained for two years, when he obtained a clerkship in the local railroad office, remaining there until 1889.

In that year Mr. Orlemann embarked in business for himself, establishing a restaurant and saloon, which he has since conducted, meeting with good success in his undertakings. He now owns a fine business block situated on the main street of the town and is enjoying a large trade, which has constantly increased from the beginning. In addition to his store he also has a fine residence property.

On the 12th of October, 1881, Mr. Orlemann was united in marriage with Miss Mary Benz, also a native of Rheinhessen, Germany, and a daughter of Jacob Benz, who had four children. Her uncle, George Benz, is one of the most prominent business men of St. Paul. Six children grace the union of our subject and his estimable wife,—four sons and two daughters, namely: Anna Elizabeth, born April 22, 1883; Herman Friedrich, April 16, 1884; George Franklin, July 26, 1886; Frederick William, March 17, 1888; Maria Adelaide, September 24, 1893; and Otto Edwin, January 3, 1895.

In his political views Mr. Orlemann was formerly a Democrat, but is now a stalwart supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party. He, however, never seeks office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests, which he ably manages and conducts. He has a large amount of that very necessary quality, common sense, and this, combined with perse-

verance and industry, has made him one of the substantial business men of the community.

AUGUST F. KOBS, of the firm of Evans, Kobs & Hacklander, grain-buyers, Blue Earth City, Minnesota, is one of the substantial men of Faribault county. He was born in Germany, October 2, 1828, and is the only one now living of the family of six children of John and Rosa (Semple) Kobs. His parents both spent their lives in the old country, the mother passing away at the age of fifty years, and the father at seventy-two.

The subject of our sketch left his native land in 1853 and settled in Marquette (now Green Lake) county, Wisconsin. January 11, 1856, he married Ernestina Teskey, a native of Germany and one of the nine children of John and Rosa Teskey. About two years later he moved to Rice (now Waseca) county, Minnesota, and settled in the town of Wilton, which was at that time the county seat.

In May, 1857, Mr. Kobs came to Faribault county and took claim to a quarter section of land in Blue Earth township, on sections 12 and 13, secured under the pre-emption act. The following year, 1858, he built a log cabin on his place and moved his family into it, which for nine years continued to be their home, and during that time his family was increased by five children, namely: William, now residing in North Dakota; Frederick, a merchant of Blue Earth City; Amilie, clerking for her brother; Tina, wife of Mr. H. B. Durkey; Emma became the wife of Daniel Hill and died in 1891. Mrs. Kobs died in 1867, leaving her husband with five little children, when the times, too, were particularly hard, and this bereavement was a specially hard blow upon the afflicted husband. During the same year he married Miss Herette Hager, and by the latter marriage there have been two children, namely: August and Sam, both living at home. After thirteen years of happy married life this wife also died, very suddenly. Whereupon Mr. Kobs rented his farm for five years to his eldest son, William, and some time after that he sold it.

From the foregoing it will be seen that Mr. Kobs is one of the earliest settlers of this region. To the breaking of the prairie and the development of his farm he devoted his energies, and ere long he purchased an adjoining eighty acres. August 30, 1881, he moved to Blue Earth City, where he had already built a fine residence and where he has since that time made his home. After living in town about a year he eagaged in the live-stock business, buying cattle and hogs, at first in company with John Smith, and later in partnership with Frank Temple, with whom he was associated for about five years. Subsequently he bought an interest in the grain firm of Sly, Davis & Evans, Mr. Hacklander becoming a member at the same time, and the new firm being styled Evans, Kobs & Hacklander. They deal in wheat, oats, barley, flax, and also in coal, wood, lime, cement, etc., and are doing a prosperous and increasing business.

In 1888 Mr. Kobs tried his luck for the third time in married life. After having lived single for about seven years, he married Mrs. A. G. Leick, a sister of his first wife and at that time a resident of Owatonna, Steele county, Minnesota.

In his political principles Mr. Kobs is a stanch and active Republican.

GEORGE ERBES, a farmer of section 24, Weimar township, and one of the present County Commissioners, was born in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, February 27, 1859, one of the six children of George and Phillipina Erbes. Four of these children are now living, viz.: William, a farmer of Rost township; Phillipina, now the wife of H. Rudolph Pietz, of Cottonwood county, Minnesota; Elizabeth, in California; and George, whose name heads this biographical record.

The senior Erbes was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, where he passed his early life. Soon after marriage he emigrated to America, settling in Wisconsin, where he resided until the breaking out of the war. He then enlisted in the Fourteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and served until taken sick of fever and sent North to a hospital. He never recovered, dying a little over a year after enlisting, at the age of forty years. His wife died at fifty years of age.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch lived in his native State until twelve years of age, when he came to Jackson county, Minnesota, settling in Weimar township and his mother taking a claim of 120 acres. She continued to reside upon the farm with her children until her death, when each of the children started out in the world for himself. George, at that time twenty-one years of age, remained on the homestead, which had been bequeathed to him by will; and here his life thus far has been spent. Successful as a farmer, Mr. Erbes has since added to his acreage until he now owns a fine farm of 220 acres.

He was married May 16, 1880, to Paulina Pietz, one of the ten children of E. W. Pietz and Louisa Pietz, of Delafield township. The seven children of this family still living are: Otilla, now the wife of Albert Hohenstein, of Lakefield; Alvina, who married Daniel Kolender and lives in Heron Lake township; Paulina, who is married to George Erbes; H. R., who lives in Rose Hill township, Cottonwood county, the next in order of birth; Mollie, now Mrs. John Dobereiner, of Fulda, Murray county, this State; F. W., residing on the homestead in Delafield township; and Ludwig (French form, Louis), who resides in Cottonwood county. The parents are both living. The father was a soldier of the last war, serving throughout to its close with credit.

Mr. and Mrs. Erbes have seven children, —Louisa P. (at school at Lakefield), George R., John William, Lillie, Alvina, Lydia and Esther,—all at their parental home.

In politics Mr. Erbes has always acted with the Republican party. Public-spirited and progressive, he, when twenty-one years of age, was made Road Overseer, which office he held for seven years, until elected Assessor, in which position he served for six years, that is, until 1892, when he was elected County Commissioner, to serve for a term of four years. In this responsible office he is doing himself great credit. He is also Township Treasurer, and has been for two years, and School District Treasurer, which office he has now held for three years. He is well known as one of the representative young men of the county.

SEVER MARINUS SERKLAND, Register of Deeds of Watonwan county, was born in Lemonweir, Juneau county, Wisconsin, September 5, 1866. His father, Peter P. Serkland,

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was born near the village of Sken, Norway, and came to America in 1865, locating in Wisconsin. Three years afterward he removed to Watonwan county, Minnesota, where he was among the early pioneers, and he still resides in the county. The mother of our subject, formerly Helen Segurdson, was also a native of Norway, and is still living.

S. M. Serkland, the third of their six children, was brought to Watonwan county when about a year and a half old, where he attended the district schools, and also spent some time in the Minneapolis public schools. At the age of twenty-one years he began work for himself, as weigh-master for W. P. Rempel, continuing that occupation three years. For the following two years Mr. Serkland was employed by M. K. Armstrong in the "Old Bank" of St. James, and he next held the position of cashier of the bank for two years. Since 1894 he has served as Register of Deeds of Watonwan county, having been elected to the position by the Republican party.

May 8, 1891, Mr. Serkland was united in marriage with Christine Bratrud, born and reared in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and a daughter of Thor and Kjersti (Peterson) Bratrud. To this union has been born one son, Reuben Willard. In his social relations, Mr. Serkland is a member of the A. O. U. W., St. James Lodge, No. 64.

ORRIN CALVIN GOULD, a coal and wood dealer of Fairmont, was born in Kennebec county, Maine, November 14, 1838, a son of Calvin Gould, who was born in that State in 1812, being a farmer and miller by occupation. His father, Simeon Gould, was born in Maine or New Hampshire. The family in this country is descended from three brothers who came from England, locating in Massachusetts. The mother of our subject, *nee* Elizabeth Lancaster, was born in either Maine or New Hampshire in 1808, and was supposed to be of English descent. The parents were married in Maine, and located on the old Lancaster homestead, remaining there until 1854, from that time until 1865 resided on a farm near Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and then came to Martin county, Minnesota, locating on a farm in Lake Belt township. The father died there in 1865, and the mother departed this life in Wisconsin in 1877. They were the parents of two sons and one daughter, namely: Mary E., wife of Caleb Perry, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; Orrin C., the subject of this sketch; and Lloyd A., a carpenter, of Los Angeles, California.

Orrin C. Gould was sixteen years of age when he moved with his parents to Wisconsin, and remained there until coming to Martin county, Minnesota, in 1865. He farmed in Lake Belt township until 1874, when he came to Fairmont and engaged in draying and farming. He subsequently embarked in the coal and wood business, in which he is still engaged, but still owns forty acres of land in the village of Fairmont and eighty acres in Fairmont township. In political matters, Mr. Gould is a stanch Republican.

May 4, 1862, in Wisconsin, he was united in marriage with Georgeanna M. Woodworth, born in New York, a daughter of Joel and Adeline (Rich) Woodworth, the former a native of Mexico, New York, and a carpenter by trade. Mrs. Gould was the fifth of their eight children. Our subject and wife have had seven children: Frank D.,

married Estella Rice, and is engaged in the clothing business in Fairmont; Fred C., a farmer of Fairmont township, married Hattie Everett; Charles C., died at the age of sixteen years; Orrie A., a teacher at New Richmond; Claud G., at home; and Percy, deceased. One child died in infancy.

DIEDERICH HENRY HULSEMANN, of Welcome, Minnesota, and one of the representative farmers of Martin county, was born in Hanover, Germany, September 25, 1854, his parents being Henry Frederick and Mary Lena (Tunis) Hulsemann. His grandfather, Diederich Henry Hulsemann, a farmer, emigrated to America, and died at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Adeline Kielbeck, had children as follows: Henry Frederick, Anna, Riche, Dorothea, Mary, Adeline, Frederick Henry and Minnie. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Frederick Tunis, died in Hanover, Germany, May 1, 1854, aged sixty-four years. Grandmother Tunis was before her marriage Miss Mary Brower. Their children were Sophia, Frederick, Mary, Lena, Henry and Dorothea.

Henry Frederick Hulsemann, the father of our subject, was born in Hanover, Germany, June 10, 1832, and died in the city of Welcome, in Martin county, Minnesota, June 23, 1893. He began life on his own responsibility when he was twenty years of age, being employed as overseer of a game preserve, and also engaged in farming. In June, 1866, he emigrated to America, Milwaukee being his objective point, which place he reached on the fourth of July. It was through the influence of John Luhring, an old friend and neighbor who had come to America, and who was then on a visit to Germany, that Mr. Hulsemann was induced to emigrate, and upon his arrival to Milwaukee he took charge of Mr. Luhring's farm near that city. He continued there in the capacity of foreman until his removal to Martin county, in April, 1868. In the meantime, his brother, Frederick Henry, and the Messrs. William and Henry Finke had joined him, and the four came together to Martin county. They determined to settle on section 12, township 102, range 32, and that each should take a quarter; but here a difficulty arose. The northeast quarter was the best of the four, and they all wanted it. Finally it was determined to draw lots for the quarters, which they did, the result being that the desirable quarter fell to Henry Frederick Hulsemann. His brother got the northwest quarter, and the southeast and southwest quarters fell to Henry and William Finke, respectively. These original settlers lived in a simple manner during those early days. They built what the settlers called a frame building with a ground floor, and occupied it until their finances justified a more pretentious structure. The present house on the place, which is now occupied by our subject, was built in 1891. The grove was set out in 1870. Henry Frederick Hulsemann and his wife had a family as follows: Anna, wife of Henry Miller; Diederich Henry, whose name heads this article; Herman, who died at the age of six years; Lena, who married Henry Wetenkamp, of Welcome, Minnesota; and Henry, a resident of Welcome.

D. H. Hulsemann, while a comparatively young man, is still one of the oldest settlers in this part of Martin county, having resided here since his boyhood. He remained with his parents until he homesteaded on 160

acres, the southwest quarter of section 35, township 103, range 32. This was railroad land, and he took it largely for the purpose of making a test case, it being one of the first cases of the kind. He stood the company suit and secured title to the land. Later he sold it to George Anderman. In June, 1888, in partnership with his father, our subject opened a general merchandise store in Welcome, under the name of Hulsemann & Son. This business was conducted until shortly after the death of the father, when Mr. Hulsemann closed out the stock and returned to the homestead farm, where he has since resided. During their residence in Welcome, the father served as Postmaster under Cleveland's administration, and the son under Harrison's.

Mr. Hulsemann was married May 3, 1891, to Louisa Sievert, daughter of Charles and Minnie (Roasch) Sievert. Their only child, Emily Frances, was born February 22, 1892.

Politically, Mr. Hulsemann is a Republican, and, fraternally, he is identified with the Masonic order.

Of his ancestry, we further record that his remote ancestors were among the most aristocratic families of Austria. The progenitor of his branch of the family,—his great-great-grandfather,—incurred the enmity of the crown and all his property was lost to his heirs. A provision, however, was made, allowing a pension to any member of this branch of the family that should ever be in want and make application for it. As far as our subject knows no member of the family has ever profited by this provision. The inherited independence of spirit would prevent them from doing so, although the inconvenience of poverty might be great.

Among the commissioners sent to America to adjust the difficulties between Great Britain and her colonies and Cuba in Revolutionary times, was a Mr. Hulsemann, Austria's representative, and an offspring from the younger brother, the great-grandfather of our subject, under Taylor and Fillmore in 1851.

R. H. WADE claims New Jersey as the State of his nativity, his birth having occurred there on the 13th of May, 1830. He is one of a family of nine children, six of whom are yet living, namely: William T., who makes his home in West Union, Iowa; Sarah, wife of James C. Meeker, deceased, of Iowa; Stephen T., who is located in Trempealeau, Wisconsin; Julia, wife of John B. Dunning, of Iowa; Edward, who is living in Fairmont, Minnesota; and R. H., of this sketch. The parents were David and Johanna (Wade) Wade. The father was born in New Jersey, about the year 1817, and within the borders of the State spent fifty-four years, after which he removed with his family to the West, taking up his residence in old Johnstown, Rock county, Wisconsin. His later years were passed in the Badger State, where his death occurred at the advanced age of eighty-four years. During his active life he was ever regarded as one of the foremost men of the community in which his lot was cast, an influential and prominent citizen who for many years served his native State in the Legislature. Throughout his life he was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, one of nature's noble men, whose excellencies of character form an example well worthy to be followed. The ancestors of the Wade family can be traced directly back in this country for more than 250

years,—to the early settlement of the New England colonies, and the family was nobly represented in the Revolutionary war by heroes who aided in achieving their country's independence.

Mr. Wade has no recollection of his paternal grandmother, but of his mother's mother he has some interesting reminiscences. For example, when the British troops passed through Connecticut burning churches, etc., she, then twelve years old, concealed herself with other children in a straw pile until the redcoats had all passed. This "straw," as it were, is evidence of the American loyalty of her parents, who must have held the Tories to be exceedingly dangerous to the welfare of the people.

R. H. Wade was a youth of sixteen years when he started out in life for himself, being first employed as a farm hand, in which capacity he labored for several years. Later he learned the carpenter's trade and followed that pursuit in Newark, New Jersey, for a long period, being a good workman and able to command fair wages for his services.

As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Mr. Wade chose Miss Hannah Parker, the nuptials being celebrated on the 29th of October, 1859. The lady is a daughter of Ruel and Emily (Hatch) Parker, who had a family of thirteen children, all born in the State of Vermont. The family came to the West many years ago, locating at Newport, near St. Paul, Minnesota, where the father died at the age of eighty years, while the mother's death occurred when she had reached the advanced age of ninety-two years.

Mr. Wade first came to Minnesota in 1856 and took up his residence in Hastings, where he continued for two years, during which time he engaged in carpentering. He then went to Newport, where he met the lady who later became his wife, and in that place he resided until 1859, the year of his removal to Scott county, Minnesota, where for four years he lived in the timber. The pursuits of civil life were interrupted by military duty on the 1st of March, 1864, when he responded to the country's call for troops and joined the Third Minnesota Battery at Fort Snelling. He did duty at various points in the Northwest until the 27th of February, 1866, when he was honorably discharged. Returning at once to his home he resumed work at his trade, which he continued to follow until the spring of 1872, when he came to Jackson county and took up a homestead claim of 160 acres on section 24, Kimball township. Later he secured a tree claim, and is now the owner of 320 acres of valuable land, all in one body. He and his family were almost alone upon the prairie for some time, there being but few settlers in the neighborhood, and those were widely scattered. During the four years at which Mr. Wade followed carpentering after coming to Jackson county, his estimable wife, who has indeed proved a helpmeet to him, remained at the little prairie home alone with her children, in order to hold the tree claim. Many trials and hardships were borne there, but the family now enjoy the fruits of her unselfish labors. The pioneer women deserve honorable mention no less than their husbands, and the part which they have taken in the development of frontier regions is no less important. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Wade numbers three children: Charles H., who is engaged in the manufacture of wagons in Renville, Minnesota; William H., who is living on the tree claim; and Frank H., who is still with his parents.

Mr. Wade is well-known as one of the broad-minded and public-spirited men of the day. Ever interested in the development of this region, he has been active in promoting its best interests, and gives his hearty support to all enterprises which are calculated to promote the general welfare. In 1875 he was elected Justice of the Peace, and with the exception of two years has since filled that position, a most capable officer, who metes out justice in a truly practical style, unbiased by fear or favor. He was for several years Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and has also served his township as Treasurer and Assessor. In politics he has been a Republican since the organization of that party, and always an earnest advocate of its principles. He enjoys the honor of being the present Commander of John A. Miles Post, No. 60, G. A. R., of Jackson, of which he has been an active worker for several years.

AUGUST PETER, of Wilder village, Jackson county, is one of the two sons living of the late August Peter, and was born in Prussia, June 18, 1852.

His father, a native of Germany, was a farmer and trader in early life, in the old country, and emigrated to America in middle life with his family, settling in Taycheedah, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. After remaining there fifteen years, employed in the pineries, he was engaged for three years in the copper mines of Michigan; then he was in Chicago a year, employed as an engineer. In March, 1864, he enlisted in the army for the Union, in Company E, Thirty-seventh Michigan Volunteers. This regiment was immediately ordered to the front, where Mr. Peter was wounded, before Petersburg, suffering the amputation of a leg in a field hospital. He was then taken to a hospital at Washington, District of Columbia, where he remained an invalid for nearly a year, when he was discharged, in June, 1865. He went to his home in Taycheedah, where he remained for six years, when he emigrated to Jackson county, Minnesota, and took up his homestead, where he spent the remainder of his life on the farm, and where he died, December 29, 1879. His wife had departed this life previously, in 1866, at the age of forty-five years.

Mr. Peter, the immediate subject of this biography, directly after the death of his mother, lived with his father and brother Martin for about fourteen years, the three keeping "bach" together, until the death of the father.

March 20, 1880, the subject of this sketch married Matilda Steinke, who was one of the four children of Mitchell and Henrietta Steinke, the other three being: Amelia, now Mrs. Herman Neimuth, living in Nebraska; Louisa, the widow of Charles Meyer, residing in Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and Minnie, the widow of Charles Georges, of Zittau, Wisconsin. Mr. Steinke was a native of Prussia, and Mrs. Steinke was born on the Rhine. The family came to this country in 1857, settling in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and later located on Wolf river, where Mr. Steinke died, in 1871, at fifty-four years of age; his wife died at the age of forty-two. Mr. and Mrs. Peter have four daughters: Elsie Phillopine Pauline, Rosena Alwine, Pauline Mathilde and Henriettie Maria,—all living at their parental home.

Although comparatively a young man still, Mr. Peter was one of the early settlers of Weimar township. As early as 1871 he

pre-empted a quarter of section 14, which he now owns, and he also is the owner of the quarter section located by his father. In 1892, when lack of health compelled him to abandon the active life required by a large farm, he changed his residence to Wilder village, that the children might have the benefit of the schools of that place; and there they have since lived.

Mr. Peter is justly regarded as one of the public-spirited, substantial men of Jackson county.

FREDERICK MILLER, proprietor of the best-appointed meat market in Blue Earth City, is one of the representative citizens of Faribault county, and is an honored veteran of the late war, who fought on southern battlefields in defense of the old flag and ably supported the Union cause. His sterling worth makes him deserving of honorable mention among the leading men of this section of the State, and with pleasure we present to our readers this record of his life, knowing that it will prove of interest to many.

A native of Prussia, Mr. Miller was born April 13, 1837, and is one of the four children of William and Dorothy (Lipke) Miller. His father was a wagon-maker, and followed that trade throughout his entire life, doing for years an extensive business and employing several journeymen. He was an active, enterprising man who led a useful life and passed away at the comparatively early age of forty years.

F. W. Miller spent the first fourteen years of his life in the country of his birth and then came with his mother and her children to America, the family locating in Edwards county, Illinois, where they lived until 1878. Our subject practically started out in life for himself at the early age of fifteen, and has since been dependent upon his own resources, so that whatever success he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own industry and praiseworthy efforts. He worked as a farm hand until nineteen years of age, then began learning the carpenter's trade, which he successfully followed for a number of years.

In December, 1859, when twenty-two years of age, he was married, Miss Maria Hedrick becoming his wife. The lady is a native of Edwards county, Illinois, and a daughter of Adam Hedrick. Her parents were natives of North Carolina and had a family of ten children. The remote ancestry were natives of Germany who emigrated to the United States and settled in North Carolina at an early day. Mr. Hedrick was a blacksmith and carpenter and quite an expert with mechanical tools. He was one of the pioneer farmers of southern Illinois, and bore his part in the development of the community in which he made his home. He was a broadminded, public-spirited man and commanded the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He died in middle life, in Illinois, and his wife, who still survives him, has reached the age of sixty years. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one child, by name Emily.

In April, 1862, Mr. Miller entered the service of his country in defense of the Union, joining the "boys in blue" of Company E, Sixty-third Illinois Infantry. The regiment was mustered in at Cairo, Illinois, and went to Jackson, Tennessee, *en route* for Corinth, but reached the latter city too late for the battle. They were then sent into middle Tennessee and Mississippi after

General Price, but were unable to overtake him. Subsequently the regiment went to Memphis and to Vicksburg, and while in the latter city Mr. Miller was detailed to act in the hospital service from the spring to the fall of 1865. Mr. Miller then went to Chattanooga and with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea. At the time of starting on that march he was detailed as a private Orderly to General John A. Logan, remaining with him for more than six months. He was in Washington at the time of Lincoln's assassination. The regiment started out 1,000 strong and returned with only 500, many of these being new recruits. Nearly one-third of the original number were killed or wounded, and the suffering among those brave boys was terrible. Mr. Miller was mustered out at Goldsboro, North Carolina, in April, 1865, after serving three years, in which he was ever found faithful to his duty, whether arduous or light.

Mr. Miller at once returned to his home in Illinois and again engaged in the pursuits of peace, working at carpentering and farming. In the year 1878 he came to Minnesota, settling in Blue Earth City, where he first worked at his trade. In December of that year he embarked in the butchering business in connection with his brother, William Miller, and has carried on operations along that line up to the present time. In 1880 he bought out his partner and carried on the business alone during the next twelve years. In 1892 he admitted his brother to a partnership and their connection has since continued. In July of that year they opened their new shop, which was erected to meet the requirements of their flourishing trade. This building in all its appointments would seem to be a model of neatness and convenience and is a credit to the city. The proprietors are men of good business and executive ability, straightforward and honorable in all dealings, and their courteous treatment of their customers, and earnest desire to please has won for them a liberal patronage, which is steadily increasing.

Mr. Miller is a member of Sully Post, No. 10, G. A. R., and in his political connections is a Republican, unflinching in support of the party principles. He is a man true to his convictions, who would support an honest belief with the same loyalty that he displayed when on southern battle fields he followed the old flag to victory. He is deeply interested in church matters, and is a consistent member of the Freewill Baptist Church, giving liberally of his time and means to aid in its upbuilding and advancement. He is recognized as one of the reliable, substantial citizens of Blue Earth City and has a wide circle of friends in the community.

GEORGE ALLEN RAYMOND, a well-known farmer residing near Sherburne, Minnesota, is a native of McHenry county, Illinois, born January 19, 1851, son of Alonzo and Parna (Johnson) Raymond.

The Raymonds are of German descent, and the family in America was first established in St. Lawrence county, New York. George Johnson, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born probably in New York State, and he and his wife reared five daughters and three sons, of whom Mrs. Raymond was the eldest. Alonzo Raymond and his family removed from Illinois to Rock county, Wisconsin, in 1862, and later came

from there to Minnesota, and took a homestead claim in Martin county.

George A. began working for wages when he was sixteen years of age, and in 1870 he bought his father's right to the claim above alluded to, and finally secured title to the same. This place contains 120 acres, and is the east half of the northeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 6, township 101 (Lake Belt), range 32. Mr. Raymond's second purchase of land was an eighty-acre tract,—the north half of the northwest quarter, section 5, same township and range. In 1890 he purchased another eighty, namely, the south half of the northwest quarter of section 5, same township and range, altogether making 280 acres, about 200 acres of which are now under cultivation: eleven acres are in grove; and the farm at this writing is stocked with seventy hogs, thirty cattle and nine horses.

Mr. Raymond was married, April 16, 1874, to Miss Mary Philena, daughter of James and Philena (Runyon) Weed, her native State being New York, and the date of her birth September 7, 1858. Their children are as follows: Mary J., born May 31, 1875, died September 19, 1875; Roland Rodney, born June 22, 1876; Rosamond Virginia, December 27, 1877; Mabel, born April 13, 1879, died July 29, 1879; Stephen Eugene, born October 15, 1880; Ethel Barbara, August 3, 1883; James Byrd, January 3, 1885; Ralph Harold, January 31, 1887; Leo Benjamin, born March 11, 1889, died March 29, 1889; George Washington, born February 22, 1890; Ruth Inez, May 14, 1892; and Parna Philena, born December 14, 1893, died February 16, 1894.

Politically, Mr. Raymond allies himself with the Republican party.

H. A. BROCKMANN, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Sioux Valley township (postoffice Sioux Valley), is a prominent business man. Like many of the leading men of Jackson county, he is a German-American, of good German blood. He has been a resident here since 1888.

He was born in Holstein, Germany, April 18, 1847, a son of Claus Brockmann, who was a good, industrious and honest German farmer in the Fatherland. The mother of the subject of this sketch, whose name before marriage was Abal Stewart, was born and raised in Holstein, Germany. They had six children, viz.: Hans, Henry, Julius, Theodore, Claus and Adolph. The mother of these children died at the age of fifty-nine years; both the parents were Lutherans.

Mr. Brockmann, our subject, was brought up on the little German farm of his native home, receiving a good education in the public schools. At the age of sixteen years he commenced to learn the trade of carpenter, which he followed for six years, familiarizing himself with all the details of the business as only Germans do. When nineteen years of age he bade farewell to home and friends, all particularly dear to him, and emigrated to a foreign land, a land of strangers. He sailed from Hamburg to New York, being twenty-four days on the voyage. First locating at Davenport, Iowa, he followed his trade there till 1873, then engaged in farming in Tama county, same State, eighteen months, where he also was a carpenter, and in 1888 he settled here in Sioux Valley township, on 400 acres of wild land, but of as good land as any in the county. Here he is developing a fine farm. House 16 x 28 feet in dimensions, one and a

half stories high, and barn 24 x 48, with an addition 14 x 48 feet, and all the premises are in good condition and well stocked, having eighty head of cattle and a large number of horses and hogs. He is a successful stock farmer. In 1893 he became a member of the creamery company.

In 1872, in Tama county, Iowa, he was united in marriage with Johanna Ernestine Reichmann, a native of Germany, and a daughter of Rudolph Reichmann, a native of Germany. Mr. Brockmann has nine children, namely: Louise Emelia, Ella Francisca, Adolph Gustavus, Anna Agnes, Clara Antonettie, Edna Belle, Lillie Orebelle, Cora Louella and Hattie Lorena.

Mr. Brockmann has been chairman of the Board of Supervisors for two years, and is one of the best officers in the county and a man of good judgment and sunny disposition. In 1870 he joined the Odd Fellows at Tama City.

GEORGE HUY FEEMIRE, a prominent farmer of section 32, Werner township (postoffice Heron Lake), has been a resident of this county ever since 1874, and of this State ever since 1855.

He was born in Schoharie county, New York, September 12, 1822, a son of Abram Feemire, of old Dutch stock, famous for their industry, honesty and morality, whose housewives also have ever been noted for their skill and economy. The maiden name of the mother of the subject of this sketch was Maria Bouck, and she was a native of the same county and a daughter of Lawrence Bouck, an early settler of Schoharie county and of the same sturdy race. Mr. Abram Feemire had seven sons and four daughters, namely: Lawrence B., Nicholas, Elizabeth, Julia Ann, Dorotha, Charity, George Henry, John, who was a soldier in the last war and now lives at Albany, New York, William, Philip and David. Their father died at the age of sixty years and their mother at the age of eighty. Mr. Feemire was a farmer by occupation and in politics a Whig and Republican. In religion he was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. George H. Feemire, whose name introduces this brief sketch, was reared to the industrious habits of farm life, receiving some education in the public schools. At the early age of twenty years he took a contract for building a railroad fence on the New York & Erie Railroad. Later he went to a point near Oberlin, Lorain county, Ohio, where he lived until 1855, when he came to Fillmore county, Minnesota, settling near Preston upon a homestead of 160 acres. After residing there eight years he moved to Winneshiek county, Iowa, purchased a claim and resided upon it until 1874. The period of his residence there was characterized by raids of grasshoppers. He purchased seed wheat at $1.25 a bushel, sowed 100 bushels and raised forty bushels; paid seventy-five cents a bushel for oats and succeeded in raising but a few bushels. Indeed, the voracious grasshoppers tried to eat up the house and get at the grain in the granary.

Considering the drawbacks he has experienced, Mr. Feemire may be considered to have done well, as he now has about 600 acres of good land, a fine residence costing $1,400, a barn 43 x 60 feet, etc. Everything about the premises and the farm is in good shape. He also keeps fifteen to twenty cows, thirteen horses, etc.

At the age of eighteen years Mr. Feemire was married to Miss E. Burst, and by that marriage had two children, namely: Lorzero and Delmira. Mrs. Feemire died, and subsequently Mr. Feemire was united in marriage with Miss Susan M. Pease, a daughter of Elijah Pease, who was a son of Elijah Pease, Sr. By the last marriage there have been five children, viz.: Georgiana, Willie, Preston, Hatty and Albert E. Hatty, deceased, was a successful and popular teacher here, and was greatly esteemed by all who knew her; her death was the occasion of great sorrow throughout a large community. Albert E., born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, was reared here in Minnesota, and July 3, 1893, was united in marrriage with Miss Edith Frey. Mrs. Feemire, their mother, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, whose religious services are attended by the family.

G. M. GRAHAM, a popular young agriculturist, residing on section 11, Walnut Lake township, Faribault county, is a native son of the State in which he now retains his field of operations, having been born in Canton township, Fillmore county, Minnesota, on the 20th of January, 1856. His parents were James M. and Susan (Willford) Graham, and he was the youngest of their eight children,—five boys and three girls,—of whom we make brief record as follows:

Catherine is the widow of S. F. Welker, who devoted many years of his life to agricultural pursuits. An early comer into Fillmore county, he ultimately removed thence to Walnut Lake township, Faribault county, where he purchased a fine farm, on section 3, and where he passed the remainder of his days. On this place his widow, a noble woman, still maintains her home.

George W. is now a resident of Woonsocket, Sanborn county, South Dakota. He gave his services to his country during the late war of the Rebellion, having been a member of Company E, Seventh regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. He lost his right leg while in the service. For a period of sixteen years he held the preferment as Postmaster of Rushford, Fillmore county, and was one of the well-known and honored citizens of that section.

C. W., the third in order of birth, also bore arms in defense of the Union, having been a member of Company B, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery. He resides at Paw Paw, Van Buren county, Michigan, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Margaret A., wife of W. R. Haskins, resides on section 10, Walnut Lake township, where her husband has been extensively engaged in farming for many years. He is a man who enjoys a distinctive popularity in the community, and the home has always been known for its hospitality.

John W. has been a resident of Walnut Lake township since 1891, having purchased a farm on section 14.

Elmer Y. resides in the town of Luverne, the county seat of Rock county.

Edna is the wife of C. W. Eastman, a successful farmer of Newburg township, Fillmore county. The eighth child in the family was G. M., the immediate subject of this review.

The father, James M. Graham, was a native of Madison county, Ohio, where h was born on the 19th of December, 1816. Reared under the sturdy discipline of the farm, he devoted the greater portion of his life to agricultural pursuits, being thoroughly

familiar with the multifarious details pertaining to this important branch of industry, and bringing to bear a strong intelligence in directing his efforts. He knew Territorial Ohio in the early days, before the railroads had entered the confines of the now great and prosperous State, and in his thirty-eight years of residence there he witnessed the various stages of growth and development in both lines of agriculture and commerce. On his twenty-first birthday he led the lady of his choice, Miss Susan Willford, to the marriage altar. This most estimable woman shared with him the joys and sorrows incident to a pioneer life, and when, in 1854, he decided to win a home in the Territory of Minnesota, she was true to the duties of wife and helpmeet, and taking her seat beside him set forth with their horse-team on the long and weary journey to the wilds of Minnesota, never complaining of the hardships of travel, but meeting, with that undaunted courage so typical of the pioneer mothers, all reverses with fortitude and patience. She was soon installed as mistress of the little log cabin erected on section 12, in Canton township, Fillmore county, and the days that followed, while filled with "ceaseless toil and endeavor," were not without their recompense of health and happiness.

Having received the benefits of a common-school education, and having subsequently been a close student and observer, the father of our subject became a man of much prominence in the pioneer community, where his advice and counsel were held in the highest estimation. It was then but the natural result that he should in time be called upon to serve in positions of public trust, and he held various township and county offices, discharging his duties with much discrimination and efficiency. He was also chosen as a Representative in the Territorial Legislature. Though a poor man at the time of his arrival in Minnesota, he was enabled, through industry and business sagacity, to accumulate a competency, which, however, he lived to enjoy only a few years, being called to the life eternal on the 31st of March, 1866. The noble woman who had been his devoted companion and who had rejoiced in the success which had attended his efforts, has also seen her children mature into manhood and womanhood, and has felt that her life has had its power for good as her sons have in turn stepped into positions of honor and trust and her daughters have united their life destinies to honest and industrious men. For a number of years past she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Eastman, and on the 4th day of April, 1895, she celebrated her eighty-first birthday anniversary. Her children and children's children accord to her a filial homage and reverence. She died April 8, 1895.

Upon the death of James M. Graham the estate was divided among the several heirs, and our worthy subject retained the tract upon which stood the old homestead, where his entire life had been practically spent, he having been the only one of the children born in Minnesota. Reared on the farm he early became inured to the healthful pursuits of the husbandman, and his preliminary education was that afforded by the public schools. He put his knowledge to practical test by teaching district school for five winters. He became a careful and systematic student, loving study for its own sake, and this has been of great assistance to him in shaping his career and in gaining him recognition as a man of broad views and much intellectuality. Mr Graham resided

on the old home farm until his removal to Walnut Lake township, Faribault county, March 20, 1890. He had held various positions of trust in his native township, and at the time of his removal resigned the office as a member of the Board of County Commissioners. Since taking up his residence in Walnut Lake township he has made many valuable improvements upon his farm, and has grown firmly into the respect and esteem of the community. He has filled the office of Township Clerk for a third term, and is the present incumbent as Clerk of his school district. It is needless to say that he is greatly interested in maintaining an effective school system, for in the line of privileges thus accorded he recognizes the nucleus of the further growth and stable prosperity of the nation.

Politically our subject lends an active support to the Republican party, his first presidential vote having been cast for the martyred president, James A. Garfield. In his fraternal affiliations he is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, retaining a membership in Wells Lodge, No. 39, of Wells, and being its present and efficient Master Workman.

On the 6th day of March, 1879, were celebrated the nuptials of Mr. Graham and Miss Carrie Dibble, daughter of Orrin and Mary (Johnson) Dibble, who were pioneers of Fillmore county, Minnesota, but who are now residents of Clark township, Faribault county. Orrin Dibble is a native of Essex county, New York, where he was born on the 17th of February, 1833, his wife having been born October 24, 1840, being likewise a native of the old Empire State. Mrs. Graham was born in Newburg, Fillmore county, Minnesota, on St. Valentine's day, 1860, being the eldest of nine children. Of her brothers and sisters we enter a brief record, as follows: Julia A. is the wife of Edgar Babcock, who is a merchant at Amherst, Minnesota, and who has served as Postmaster of that place for the past fourteen years, being also the present incumbent as Township Clerk; Allie A. is the wife of George Griffiths, who conducts a popular barber shop in the city of Wells, this county; Norman is a farmer at Amherst; Charles is a resident of Wells; Hattie A. is at the parental home; Lewis is a resident of Amherst; and Nora Belle and James A. are still under the parental roof.

Our subject and his estimable wife are the parents of five interesting children, namely: Warren W., born January 8, 1880; Homer M., born August 20, 1881; Grace, born September 19, 1883; Mary M., born December 2, 1887; and Gladys, born September 27, 1891.

Though only a resident of Faribault county for five years past, Mr. Graham has won the confidence and esteem that is ever accorded to men of sterling character, and it is with unmistakable regret that his native county resigned its claims to one of its most valued citizens. His success in the agricultural field is revealed in the appearance of his well-kept acres and in the fine buildings which adorn the same Mr. and Mrs. Graham are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in whose work they take an active interest, contributing a due quota to its sustenance.

HIRAM CLARK, a pioneer settler of Lake Belt township, Martin county, was born in Schenectady township, Schenectady county, New York, on the 25th of May, 1834, and is a son of

William Peter and Catharine (Truax) Clark, the former a native of New York, born September 11, 1782. His death occurred March 11, 1837. The mother was born in the Empire State March 25, 1790, and died in Albany on the 25th of April, 1859. After the father's death she removed with her family from Schenectady county, New York, to Otsego county. The children were: Mathew, born May 9, 1809, and died January 25, 1836; Mary Magdalene, who was born September 1, 1810, and died February 25, 1812; Margaret, born April 6, 1812, was married October 31, 1833, to Hiram Washburn; Catherine Waterman, born February 7, 1814, is now deceased; John was born January 7, 1816; Amy Ann, now Mrs. Sprague, was born October 20, 1817; Mrs. Matilda Wilke was born June 10, 1819; Isaac, born February 14, 1821; William, who was born November 20, 1822, and died August 21, 1824; William, the second of that name, was born September 15, 1823, and is now deceased; Mrs. Eveline Blair, born September 15, 1821; Mrs. Minerva Hubbard, born in 1829; and Hiram, who completes the family.

The last named accompanied his mother on her removal to Otsego county, New York, and resided there until seventeen years of age, when he removed to Albany, where he continued for a few years, following the carpenter's trade. In the autumn of 1861 he came to the West, locating in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, where he rented land and engaged in farming. In the spring of 1863 he went to Winona county, Minnesota, and after a summer passed there went in the fall to Martin county, settling upon the farm which has since been his home. He secured a homestead of 160 acres and with characteristic energy began its development and cultivation, for it was then a tract of wild land on which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made. His labors here were interrupted by his service in the army. While residing in Wisconsin he had endeavored to enter the army, but the company that was then being organized was never completed. On the 20th of February, 1864, he was enrolled among the "boys in blue" of Company C, Sixth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and for the first four months did service in helping to suppress the Indian uprisings on the frontier. He was then sent to the South and served until the close of the war in Arkansas, after which he was discharged from the service at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, on the 10th of May, 1865.

Mr. Clark at once returned to his home and family. He had married on the 23d of August, 1857, in Albany, New York, Miss Catherine Rosamond Blood, daughter of John and Sarah (Valens) Blood, both of whom were natives of England. Mrs. Clark was born in Albany, New York, March 10, 1837, and was the fourth in a family of eight children. The union of our subject and his most estimable wife has been blessed with a family of eleven children, as follows: Ida Elizabeth, born May 4, 1859, and now the wife of Bert McAilwain, who is a farmer of Tenhassen township, Martin county, and their children are Ernest Bert, Grace May Rosamond, Eva Lillian, Ray Hiram, Earl Lewis, and Linda Fay Pearl; Effie May, born October 17, 1861, died December 12, 1863; George Washington, born April 30, 1863, married Aimee Bassett, and is farming in Lake Belt township, Martin county; Georgian May, Harry Lloyd, Archie Jerome and Catherine Rosamond are the children; William Henry Harrison, born April 13, 1866, carries the mail between

Fairmont and Estherville, Iowa, and makes his home with his parents; Samuel Edgar, born June 17, 1868, is at home; Simeon Matthew, born March 22, 1870, is farming in Martin county. The younger members of the family are Effie Ermena May, born September 9, 1871; Chester Levi, born April 28, 1873; Hiram Alfred, born April 10, 1875; Arthur Wesley, born April 22, 1877; and Frederick Irvin, born February 20, 1881.

Upon his return from the war Mr. Clark at once resumed farming and has since given his attention almost exclusively to agricultural pursuits. He now owns 160 acres of land situated on sections 24 and 25, Lake Belt township, together with eighty acres which he bought of Valentine Wohlhiter, in 1892, and another forty acres which he purchased of W. P. Smith. Thus he has 280 acres, all in one body. Of this, twenty-five acres is slough land and is used for pasture; seventeen acres is covered by water, forming a beautiful lake, and there is also an eight-acre grove which was planted by Mr. Clark and stands as a living monument to his enterprise and progressive spirit. The place is well stocked, he having at present forty-five head of cattle, sixty head of hogs, forty-one sheep and fourteen horses. There are good barns and outbuildings for the care of the stock and shelter of the grain, the latest improved machinery lightens the labor of the farm, and in 1890 a comfortable residence was erected, and the pleasant home is the abode of hospitality. Mr. Clark never held any office except that of School Clerk, preferring to give his time and attention entirely to his business interests. His life has been purely a business one. He has made the best of his opportunities, trusting not to fate or fortune, but to his own industry and energy to win him the success which he coveted. His faith was therefore placed in some things substantial, and therefore not disappointed; and he is now the possessor of a competence which not only supplies him with the necessaries of life, but also with many of its luxuries.

HENRY A. KING, dealer in agricultural implements and plumbers' supplies in Blue Earth City, has been prominently identified with the business interests of Faribault county since 1884. He is a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Green Lake county, August 20, 1867. His parents, Christopher and Louisa (Matz) King, were both natives of Germany and came to this country when children, settling with their respective families among the pioneers of the Badger State. There they were married, and in order to support his family Mr. King engaged in merchandising. At the time of the late war he responded to the President's call for troops and faithfully served the Union. To this worthy couple were born the following children: Henry A.; Charles J.; Bertha, wife of Henry Swingdorf of Faribault county; and Mary, wife of John Hoffman, of Blue Earth City. The father of this family died in 1872, at the age of thirty years, leaving his widow with limited means and with a family of small children to support. She subsequently married Samuel Corenke, and by their union were born five children, four of whom are yet living. The mother was called to her final rest in 1882.

Mr. King of this sketch remained upon the home farm and attended the common district schools of the neighborhood until fifteen years of age, when he started out in life for himself, and since that time has been

dependent entirely upon his own efforts. He at first spent his time in hunting and trapping, and in the spring of 1884 he went to Ashland, but being stricken with inflammatory rheumatism he was unable to work for some time and returned home.

In the following July he came to Blue Earth City, working in the harvest fields for some time, then engaging in well-digging, which pursuit he followed for about four years, also working at the carpenter's trade. The next enterprise which engrossed his attention was the pump and machinery business, and in this line of trade he has since continued, meeting with good success. He has a well appointed establishment, one of the best of the kind in this section of the State, and is now enjoying a large and constantly increasing trade. In addition to his other interests, he owns, in connection with his brother, a livery stable.

On the 26th of September, 1893, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. King and Miss Nannie McLaughlin, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Owen McLaughlin. They have one child, Harold. The lady is a member of the Catholic Church. Our subject belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and in his political connections is a Republican. A young man of excellent business and executive ability, he is meeting with a well deserved success and is now ranked among the leading merchants of his adopted city.

CHAYWORTH, a farmer of section 18, Fraser township, Martin county, was born in Illinois, December 13, 1850, the eldest son of Jehu Hayworth, and his parents moved to Wisconsin when he was one year old. Our subject lived in Wisconsin until thirteen years of age, and then, September 20, 1863, came with his father to Martin county, Minnesota. He began work for himself at the age of twenty years, being employed by A. L. Bixby; at the age of twenty-one he was in his father's employ, and when twenty-two he was employed by Hon. M. H. Lamb, of Alma City, this State, and then farmed on rented land in Martin county. After his marriage Mr. Hayworth resided in Rolling Green township until 1880, and then came to the farm he now owns, consisting of 200 acres, about half of which is cultivated.

March 12, 1874, he was united in marriage with Lovina E. Jones, born in Morgan county, Ohio, July 12, 1854, a daughter of Richard and Catherine (Swoape) Jones. The mother is now deceased. To this union have been born five children,—Lillian Daisy, Earl Emsley, Sarah Mary, Catherine Amanda and Werley Jones.

Mr. Hayworth is independent in his political views. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Fraser township, and has been twice elected Clerk of Rolling Green township. Socially, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

AUGUST LUDWIG SCHUELER, a respected citizen of Lake Belt township, Martin county, Minnesota, was born in Pommern, Germany, August 24, 1829, next to the eldest in a family of five children, the others being Charles, Wilhelm, Gottlieb and Henrietta. He is the only one of the family who came to America, and it was in June, 1873, that he landed here. Coming directly west

to Monee, Will county, Illinois, he settled down there and worked for wages for six years. In 1879, in company with his son, August, he rented a farm in Will county, and continued to reside on it until 1885. April 1, 1885, he accompanied this son to Martin county, Minnesota, and he made his home on the place where August Schueler now resides, until 1889. In 1888 he bought the farm on which he has since lived, it being the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 24, township 101, range 32.

Mr. Schueler was married in November, 1852, to Maria Wilhelmina Strey, daughter of Johann and Carolina (Kotterman) Strey. She was born February 9, 1823, the eldest of a family of six children, her brothers and sisters being Charles, Johann, Heinrich, August and Caroline; and of these all have passed away except August and Caroline. Her father died when she was fourteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Schueler have five children living, namely: Bertha, Ida Matilda Adeline, August Albert, Hermann Heinrich and Mary Wilhelmina. Four of their children,—Johannah, Carl, Charles and Gustave, died young.

AUGUST ALBERT SCHUELER.—Germany has furnished to Martin county many of her leading citizens, prominent in public affairs and in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community. Among this worthy class is the gentleman whose name introduces this record. He was born in Pommern, Germany, on the 9th of July, 1856, and is a son of August Ludwig and Wilhelmina (Strey) Schueler. With his parents he came to America, and under the parental roof he was reared to manhood. When he started out in life for himself he took up farming and secured 266 acres of land of Henry Hellman in Will county, Illinois, March 1, 1879. This he operated until his removal to Martin county. On the 15th of May, 1885, he purchased his present farm of Charles Soles, and locating upon the place has since carried on agricultural pursuits in a manner that has brought him prosperity.

On the 4th of February, 1881, an important event in the life of Mr. Schueler occurred,—his marriage to Emma Carrie Schlemme, daughter of Fredrich and Fredericka (Ebert) Schlemme, and the second in a family of four children, the other members of the family being Fred, Bertha and Matilda, all of whom were born in Chicago. Her father died on the 1st of November, 1879, at the age of fifty-five years, and her mother, who was born July 30, 1838, was called to the home beyond on the 30th of October, 1892, having survived her husband about thirteen years. Mrs. Schueler first opened her eyes to the sight of day February 15, 1865, and by her marriage has become the mother of five children: Lena Louisa Hermina, born November 17, 1886; Fredrich William Hermann, September 11, 1889; Emma Mary Bertha, October 19, 1891; August Fredrich William, April 1, 1893; and Frieda Mary Minnie, February 1, 1895.

The Schueler household is noted for its hospitality and for the warm cheer which is ever given to the friends of the family, and the representatives of this home hold a high position in the social circle in which they move. Both our subject and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. The former was confirmed in Germany in the autumn of 1870 by the Rev. Kannengiszer, and the latter in Chicago, April 14, 1878, by

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the Rev. August Wagner. They give liberally of their means to aid in church work and their lives are in harmony with their professions.

When Mr. Schueler first bought land in Martin county he became the owner of a tract of 153 acres on section 23, Lake Belt township, and in November, 1892, he purchased of J. J. Stelter another tract adjoining that owned by his brother Herman. He now has 233 acres, all in one body, and of this 200 acres is broken, and when planted with cereals adapted to this climate generally yields to him abundant harvests. Upon the place is a beautiful grove of four acres, and its leafy banners as they wave in the breeze tell of the thrift and enterprise of the owner who has obtained this valuable property entirely through his own efforts. When he first came to this farm the only improvements upon the place were a small dwelling and a corn-crib, but his labors have worked a transformation. In 1886 he greatly enlarged and remodeled his home, and in 1892 built one of the substantial barns in the neighborhood. This furnished ample shelter for his stock in winter and for his grain. He always keeps on hand a good grade of stock, and now has nineteen head of cattle, fifty head of hogs and seven horses. He is accounted one of the practical and progressive farmers of the county and is an industrious, energetic man.

DANIEL ZEBULON LATHROP, a well-known and highly respected farmer residing in section 18, Winnebago City township, Faribault county, Minnesota, dates his birth in Tolland county, Connecticut, April 9, 1836. His parents, Kelsey and Flora (Cobb) Lathrop, were both natives of Connecticut, and on his father's farm in that State he was reared, receiving his education in the public schools. At the age of fifteen he left home, and for some years following was variously employed, for a time being in a percussion-cap factory. The last two years of his stay in Connecticut he worked in a rubber factory in Colchester.

In the spring of 1855 he came West to Rice county, Minnesota, and located near Faribault, where he pre-empted some land and engaged in farming, residing there until 1862, when he removed to his present farm. He had taken a homestead claim to 160 acres here in 1861. Upon locating here he devoted his energies to the improvement and cultivation of this place, and his earnest efforts have been crowned with success. He now has one of the finest and most attractive homes in the township. His residence, standing on a natural elevation, is surrounded by a handsome grove of soft maple and cottonwood trees, with a few evergreens, all planted by himself. His good barns and other buildings and fences, and, in short, the general appearance of the place, are all indicative of the prosperity which has attended the owner. At the time Mr. Lathrop settled here he had many difficulties and obstacles to meet and overcome, but he was equal to every emergency. He had to go as far as Dundas to mill, a distance of about 120 miles, the trip occupying several days with an ox team. His nearest market was Mankato. During the Indian troubles of 1862, Mr. Lathrop, in company with his neighbors, left his home with his family, during the winters of 1862 and 1863, but returned to their farms in the spring and he left his family; and for the most of the time for two years his business

was broken up, he having to be away hunting the savages.

November 26, 1854, Mr. Lathrop was married, at Colchester, Connecticut, to Miss Lucy M. Pierce, daughter of James I. and Sophia (Beach) Pierce, both natives of that State. They have five children, namely: Alida, wife of Dudley Forbes, of Edgerton, Minnesota; Alma, wife of Benjamin F. Robinson, a farmer of this township; Arthur, a mechanic of Amboy; Fred, a farmer of this township; and Frank, who is at home.

Mr. Lathrop casts his vote and influence with the Republican party, but has never been a politician. He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

WILLIAM SCHWINGLER, manager of the Farmers' Elevator Company of St. James, was born in Scott county, Minnesota, June 6, 1859, a son of Anton and Sibilla (Esser) Schwingler. William came to Watonwan county when twelve years of age, and his education was received principally by practical experience. He remained at home until twenty-seven years of age, assisting his father on the farm, and from that time until 1890 he resided on a farm in Riverdale township. The Farmers' Elevator Company was then organized, and Mr. Schwingler was elected its manager. The company own property to the amount of $10,000, and do a business of $100,000 per year.

November 24, 1886, he was united in marriage with Mary Wirtz, the first white child born in Riverdale township, Watonwan county, and a daughter of Mathias and Catherine (Dom) Wirtz, the first settlers of Riverdale township. Mr. and Mrs. Schwingler have two children,—Alexander and Clara. In political matters, Mr. Schwingler indorses the Democratic party. He has served as a member of the Village Board, as Supervisor of Riverdale township four years, and as Township Assessor one year.

JOHN DAVIS, Delavan, Minnesota, is one of the prominent citizens of Faribault county, and is a veteran of the late war. He has been identified with Prescott township since 1872.

Mr. Davis was born at Grafton Harbor, Ontario, in 1846, son of John Davis. The elder John Davis was born and reared in England, when a young man came to America, and in Canada was married to Miss Margaret Wilson. The latter's father was a Scotchman and her mother, Evans by maiden name, was of Welsh origin. John Davis, Sr., was for a number of years engaged in teaching school, and was also interested in fisheries. He was a man of the highest integrity of character, and was a member of the Church of England. He died leaving a widow and six children, four sons and two daughters. Two of the sons were in the civil war, and one of them, Henry, a member of the United States regulars, Sixteenth Infantry, died at Nashville, Tennessee. The mother, after remaining a widow for some time, became the wife of John Dill. She died in Prescott township, this county, at the age of seventy-four years.

The subject of our sketch was reared from his eighth year in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and was there at the time the civil war came on. In August, 1861, in response to President Lincoln's call for "300,000 more," he enlisted in Company C, Seventeenth Wisconsin Infantry, and went to the front. A description of all the engage-

ments in which he participated would cover a greater part of the history of the war, which, of course cannot be entered into in the brief space allotted here. Suffice it to say that he was in many of the most important battles of the South, ever acting the part of a brave and true soldier, and that he was with the victorious army and participated in the grand review at Washington, after which he was honorably discharged, July 27, 1865, and returned home. He entered as a private and came cut as a Corporal. During his service he was twice wounded, first by a shell and afterward by a minie ball. His army life, however, did not end with the war. September 18, 1865, he enlisted in Company A, Thirty-seventh United States regulars, Third Battalion, and was stationed successively at Fort Wayne, Michigan; Newport, Kentucky; Little Rock, Arkansas; Leavenworth, Kansas; and was in battle with the Indians in Kansas, Nebraska, and New Mexico. He was discharged September 18, 1868, as First Sergeant.

Since his return from the army Mr. Davis has given his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1870 he bought eighty acres of his present farm, and to his original purchase has since added until now he has a fine tract of land 240 acres in extent. On this place are good buildings and other improvements.

Mr. Davis was married in December, 1871, to Lucinda Harding, an accomplished lady, and for some years a teacher, she being a daughter of Lieutenant E. and Almira (Grover) Harding. Mrs. Davis was born in Rockland, Maine. They have ten children, viz.: Susan E., a professional nurse of New Richmond, Wisconsin; Minnie A., Charles N., Fanny Emma, John Henry, Bertha Irene, Francis M., George Grover, Henry W., and Eben Ed.

Mr. Davis votes with the Rebublican party, takes a commendable interest in public affairs, and has served as Supervisor and member of the School Board. He belongs to the G. A. R. at Delavan. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Baptist Church.

AARON JOHNSON, an intelligent and highly respected farmer residing on section 14, Lake Belt township, Martin county, deserves mention in this volume, for he is accounted one of the leading agriculturists of the community in which he makes his home, and with pleasure we present this record to our readers, knowing that it will be received with interest by many, for he has a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the county.

Mr. Johnson is a native of Sweden, born on the 2d of April, 1850. His parents, Claus and Mary Johnson, were natives of the same country, and in April, 1854, they sailed from Gutenberg to the New World. On reaching American shores they continued their journey across the country to Rockford, Illinois, where the father followed his trade,—that of milling. On this journey they were accompanied by their three eldest children. Of these Betsey was born August 16, 1847, and married Lewis Lindstrom, by whom she had four children,—Amanda, William, Aleda and Huldah. Her second husband, John Lindholm, is also deceased. There was one child by that union,—Charles. Mrs. Lindholm is now living in Rockford, Illinois. Aaron is the next in order of birth; and Frank, who was born in September, 1853, died in August, 1884. The three

younger children of the family were born in Rockford, Illinois, and are Christina, who died in childhood; Ida, who was born in 1856, became the wife of Charles Olson, a veterinary surgeon of Chicago, Illinois, and died in April, 1890. They had four children, but Addie is the only one now living. Oscar, the youngest of the Johnson family, was born in April, 1862, and is now married and resides in Rockford, Illinois.

Aaron Johnson was a child of four summers when with his parents he crossed the briny deep, and much of his youth was passed in Rockford, Illinois. At the age of sixteen he entered the employ of Oliver Crandall, of that city, for the purpose of learning the cooper's trade, and after completing his term of apprenticeship he followed the business in Rockford until his removal to Minnesota. It was in June, 1879, that he first became a resident of the Gopher State, locating in Sherburne, where he embarked in business as a member of the firm of Erickson & Johnson. The following December he sold his interest in their hardware store and removed to Jordan, Scott county, Minnesota, where he worked as a cooper in the employ of Nicholas Lee, a miller, making barrels mostly. In the fall of 1880 he removed to his farm, which he had previously purchased, and made it his home until May, 1883, at which time he went to Minneapolis and took stock in the North Star Barrel Company, which concern was engaged in supplying barrels to the different milling companies throughout the State. The business was quite profitable, but on the 28th of February, 1889, Mr. Johnson sold his interest therein and returned to his farm.

On the 2d of December, 1879, Mr. Johnson made his first purchase of real estate, buying of C. E. Wenzel a tract of land on section 14, Lake Belt township. He also secured another tract, under the timber law, and now has 160 acres, of which seventy acres is under cultivation, the fields, rich and well tilled, yielding to the owner good returns for the care he bestows upon them. In connection with general farming he also carries on stock-raising, and now has twelve hogs, nine head of cattle and five horses.

He is a man of perseverance and determination, and a steadfast adherence to the work in hand has won him a well deserved prosperity. He carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and though his business career has not been free from all obstacles and difficulties, he has steadily overcome these and achieved the result for which he was striving.

On the 2d of March, 1872, an important event in the life of Mr. Johnson occurred,—his marriage to Miss Christina Johnson, daughter of John and Mary (Swanson) Larson. She was born August 13, 1851, and is the eldest in a family which numbers four children. One child graces the union of our subject and his wife, Huldah Amelia, born April 4, 1891.

Mr. Johnson is actively interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and its upbuilding.

WILLIAM WESLEY HEADLEY, Lake Belt, Minnesota, has been identified with the farming interests of Martin county, for a quarter of a century. The following facts in regard to his life and ancestry have been gleaned for publication in this work:

William Wesley Headley was born in Saybrook, Ashtabula county, Ohio, October

24, 1839, son of Daniel and Ann (Richards) Headley. The Headleys are English people. Grandmother Susannah (Gotobed) Headley married the maternal grandfather of our subject, William Richards, she being his second wife and seventy-five years old at the time of her marriage. She died in the winter of 1860, at the age of ninety-five years. William Richards died shortly after their arrival in America, which was soon after their marriage in 1831. His first wife was *nee* Betsey Redhead, and their children were as follows: John Henry, who died in Philadelphia; Ann, the mother of our subject; Mary, wife of Hugh Redhead, died in Winnebago City, Minnesota, January 8, 1877, leaving two children, Richard and Henry; and Betsey, wife of George Darby, died, leaving one child, George.

Daniel Headley, the father of William W., was born in Lincolnshire, England, May 5, 1800. He had a brother John and sister Elizabeth. The former was a farmer in Ashtabula county, Ohio, and he and his wife reared three children,—John, Elizabeth and Ann. The sister, Elizabeth, married a Mr. Broughton, in England. After his death she started to America with her only child, Susan, and died while making the ocean voyage. This daughter was the wife of a Mr. Moden, and she and her husband came on to Ohio, stopped for a time with her uncle Daniel, and later settled in Illinois. While Daniel Headley remained in the old country he was employed on the estate of a wealthy family. He arrived in New York city with his wife and children, July 4, 1838. He had expected to meet his wife's brother at New York, but, on account of a miscarried letter, was disappointed, changed his plans and accompanied some friends to Ashtabula county, Ohio. There he worked for wages for some time, and then bought land. Subsequently he sold out and moved to Green Lake county, Wisconsin, in June, 1856, and bought a farm of 120 acres. In September, 1872, he moved to Martin county, Minnesota, and purchased the homestead right of Charles Holden. This tract of 160 acres is located as follows: South half of the southeast quarter, southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, section 6, Lake Belt township, range 32. Mr. Headley died suddenly, March 30, 1875, near Fairmont, Minnesota, while on a visit to his daughter Mary, and after his death his widow secured title to the land on which they had settled. Daniel Headley and his wife were married October 22, 1825, in Lincolnshire, England, and a brief record of their children reads as follows: (1) Mary Ann, who was born August 26, 1827, and died October 24, 1827. (2) Emma, born May 22, 1829, died July 9, 1873. She was married, April 8, 1848, to George Masters, a farmer, and they lived in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and later in Faribault county, Minnesota. To them were born a family of seven children. (3) Daniel, born August 9, 1831, died April 13, 1875. He was married April 13, 1854, to Susan Morton, and at the time of his death their home was in Webster county, Iowa. They had five children. (4) Eliza, born August 18, 1833; married Ezekiel Goodall, February 19, 1855, and is living at Barnum, Minnesota, their family consisting of four children. (5) Frederick, born April 11, 1836; married Catharine Morton, December 25, 1857. He is a merchant in Granada, Martin county, Minnesota. His children are Adelaide and Orville. The former was married November 19, 1884, to Watson

David Miller, and they, too, are living in Martin county. The five mentioned above were born in England, and the following in Ohio: (6) William Wesley, the subject of this article. (7) Henry John, born September 17, 1841, died October 5, 1887. He married Mary Emerett Cable, a sister of William's wife, February 17, 1867, and they live on a quarter section of land adjoining the farm of our subject. Their children are Jessie Mary, wife of George Woolcutt, and Everett Clarence, who married Sadie Jennings, both living on farms in this county. (8) Mary Ann, born April 2, 1844; married Alfred H. Weed, of Winnebago City, their children being Hattie, wife of W. H. Hill, and Cora, wife of Fred Grinnell. (9) Harriet Matilda, born April 8, 1846; married Alfred Masters, and has three children, Mrs. Florence Williams, Viola and Elmer. Mr. Masters is deceased, and she is now residing with her eldest daughter in St. Paul, Minnesota. And (10) Charles Wesley, born September 20, 1848, is now president of the Windsor Institute, located at Montevideo, Minnesota. He married Sarah Sherman, and their children are Leal Aubrey, Lou Sherman, Clean Chester and Charles Herald.

William W. Headley received his education in private schools and in an academy at Saybrook, Ohio. He also attended a writing school, conducted by Platt R. Spencer, founder of the Spencerian system of penmanship. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and when he was eighteen went to the village of Manchester and learned the cobbler's trade, and ran a shop for three years. He next learned the trade of harness-maker at Markesan, Wisconsin, where he resided for one year. October 20, 1868, he moved to Garden City, Blue Earth county, Minnesota, and opened a harness shop. November 18, 1869, he came to his present place of residence in Martin county, and has lived here ever since. His farm comprises the southeast quarter of section 18, township 101, range 32. He has a nice grove, which was started in 1870. Ninety acres of his land are under cultivation, and the stock on his farm numbers 24 hogs, 10 cattle, and 8 horses.

Mr. Headley was married June 8, 1865, at Markesan, Wisconsin, to Deborah Amanda Cable, daughter of Egbert J. and Nancy (Burdick) Cable. Mr. Cable was born August 30, 1818, and his wife July 20, 1819; both are still living at Markesan. Jonathan Cable, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Headley, was born and died in Otsego county, New York. Grandmother Cable's maiden name was Sally Boardman. Their children were Rhoda, Polly, Marvin, and Egbert J. Mrs. Headley's maternal grandfather was Abram Burdick, a native of Dutchess county, New York. He died in Wisconsin, September, 1876, at the age of ninety-three years. His wife's maiden name was DeborahFennor, and the names of their children are Reed, Shadrach, Amanda, Asa, Urana, Samuel, Nancy, and Mary. The Burdicks were of English descent. Following are the names of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert J. Cable: Deborah Amanda, born August 27, 1844; Sally Sarepta, wife of Truman Derby, has five children; Mary Emerett, wife of Henry J. Headley, above referred to; Lucy Jerusha, wife of Robert R. Williams, of Horton, Kansas, has two sons; Ellen Nancy, deceased; Elberta Josephine, deceased; Melvin Henry is married, has a family of five children, and lives in Wisconsin; Everett Egbert is married and living in Wisconsin;

Evelyn Nancy, wife of Griffith Owens, Randolph, Wisconsin, has three children. The last two named are twins. A record of the children of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Headley is as follows: Adella May, born April 8, 1866, died March 3, 1867; Alice Ardell, born December 20, 1867, is a professional nurse in Minneapolis; Sheridan Wesley, born March 1, 1870, married Cornelia Jennings, October 14, 1891, and is farming in Lake Belt township, Martin county, their only child being Grace Ardell; Nancy Tryphoso, born May 12, 1876; Anna Tryphena, twin of Nancy Tryphoso; and Charles Aubrey, born March 12, 1879. The twins are attending Parker College in Winnebago City.

Mr. Headley has served as Chairman of the Township Board and also as Township Assessor, and is now a Supervisor and member of the School Board. He was the first Postmaster of Lake Belt; received his commission in September, 1883, and served in this capacity till October, 1887. Politically, he is a Republican.

JOHN HENRY HILGENDORF, who manages extensive farming interests in Martin county, was born on territory that now lies within the corporation limits of the city of Chicago, on the 22d of October, 1858, and is a son of Frederick and Sophie (Lang) Hilgendorf. The father was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, December 21, 1822, and was one of a family of three children. His sister never came to America, and it was some years after Frederick's arrival ere his brother Henry crossed the Atlantic to the "land of the free." He located in Chicago, where he made his home until after the great fire of that city, when he was called to his final rest. He married, and his children were Frederick, John, Charles, Louisa and Dora, —all yet living with the exception of Louisa. It was in the year 1852 that Frederick Hilgendorf emigrated to the United States and became the founder of his branch of the family in the New World. He located in the village of Chicago, Illinois,—as it was then —and worked at whatever he could find to do that would yield him an honest living. He rented land near the town and sold his products in the markets of that place. In 1869 he purchased an eighty-acre tract of land, comprising the west half of the southwest quarter of section 10, Worth township, Cook county, and later he added an adjoining forty acres, thus making 120 acres of valuable land which adjoined the corporation limits of Chicago and is now within the city boundaries, owned and operated by his son William. Mr. and Mrs. Hilgendorf now make their home in Oak Lawn, one of Chicago's beautiful suburbs. The marriage of this worthy couple was celebrated in Germany about three years before the emigration to America, the lady's birth having occurred in that country June 20, 1829. To them have been born the following children: Sophie, born October 15, 1850, became the wife of John Sneikle, and to them was born a daughter, Mary. Her present husband, William Huth, is a mason by trade and a resident of Chicago; their children are Amelia, John, Emma and Albert; our subject is the second in order of birth; Joseph, born August 18, 1861, married Annie Kasten and is farming the northwest quarter of section 17, Waverly township, Martin county; their family numbers four children, —Ida, Henry, Martha and Amil. Lena became the wife

of Frank Dubberman and died in February, 1883, at the age of twenty-one years, leaving one child, Herman; Henry, born March 15, 1863, is a well-known citizen of Martin county; William, born December 16, 1864, married Lena Manna and is now operating the old homestead; they had two children, John and August, the latter now deceased; Minnie, born May 6, 1868, was married February 15, 1888, to William Brandt and with their children, Augusta and Otto, they reside in Illinois; Hermann, born October 29, 1871, is living with his brother William on the old home farm.

John Henry Hilgendorf attended both public and private schools in Chicago, and by a good education was well fitted for the practical duties of life. In 1885 his father purchased a tract of land on section 18, Waverly township, Martin county, Minnesota, of Messrs. Bullard & Peterson, of Fairmont. Up to this time our subject had remained at home, but now he came to the Gopher State to look after this land, arriving at his destination on the 2d of September. The farm comprises 190 acres of land, of which forty-three acres is covered by a beautiful lake. At once Mr. Hilgendorf began to improve the place with fine buildings, and soon all the modern equipments of a first-class farm were there seen. In June, 1891, he purchased another eighty-acre tract, the west half of the northeast quarter of section 20, and in the autum of 1892 he bought the northeast quarter of section 7 of the same township. Of this property of 430 acres, 300 acres has been placed under the plow and a beautiful grove of three acres has been planted and casts its grateful shade over the lawn and home, protecting it from the hot summer sun. The farm is now in a state of high cultivation, and in addition to its improvement Mr. Hilgendorf now devotes part of his time to stock-raising, having on hand forty head of hogs, fourteen head of cattle and six horses. He devotes himself to his business interests, and close attention to all details, systematic methods and careful management, has made him one of the substantial farmers of the community.

On the 10th of September, 1885, Mr. Hilgendorf was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Krueger, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Wagner) Krueger. Her father was born December 25, 1830, and is numbered among the prominent farmers of Galena township, Martin county. Her mother was a daughter of Fritz and Mary (Pruit) Wagner, and was born September 18, 1844. Mrs. Hilgendorf is the second in a family of nine children, and her birth occurred October 15, 1866. Four children grace the union of our subject and his wife: Emma, born August 14, 1886; Elizabeth, born March 12, 1888; Frederick, born January 12, 1890; and Augusta, born May 4, 1892; and Clara, born February 1, 1895. The parents are both members of the Lutheran Church and active workers in its interests. The former was confirmed in Chicago, March 24, 1872, by the Rev. August Wagner, and the latter April 4, 1880, by the Rev. William Boerner.

In his political views Mr. Hilgendorf is a Republican and has served as Treasurer of the School Board and as Supervisor of the township. He is ever true to the best interests of the community, and the neighborhood finds in him one of its valued citizens. From time immemorial it has been the custom to extol in story and in song the valor of those who fight on battle fields, but it has been left to civilized nations to com-

memorate the deeds of the heroes of bloodless battles—of the man who bravely takes up life's tasks and conscientiously performs his duties looking for no other reward than the approval of the Higher Power and of his own conscience. To such men all honor is due, though the world may not know of their struggles and triumph. Glad indeed we are to give the record of such a hero in recording the sketch of John Henry Hilgendorf.

JOSEPH HILGENDORF, a farmer of Waverly township, Martin county, was born at Oak Lawn, Illinois, August 18, 1861, a son of Frederick Hilgendorf. Joseph left home at the age of eighteen years, after which he worked for wages for a time, and for years farmed on rented land. His father purchased the northwest quarter of section 17, Waverly township, Martin county, Minnesota, and our subject bought the east half of the northeast quarter of section 18, in 1891, and he now farms both places. Mr. Hilgendorf is one of the young and progressive farmers of Martin county. He came with his brothers from Illinois to this county to obtain a broader field for the pursuit of their calling in life,—that of farming. During the past winter Mr. Hilgendorf and his wife visited relatives and friends in their former home in Illinois, where they spent many pleasant weeks.

Our subject was married April 12, 1885, at Summit, Cook county, Illinois, by Rev. W. Boholen, to Annie Kasten, a daughter of Fred and Wilhelmina Kasten. The father, born November 13, 1833, died August 5, 1894, and the mother, born April 19, 1837, still resides in Chicago. The parents came to America May 1, 1880, and they had ten children, namely: Annie, born April 26, 1862; Albert, born August 28, 1863, is a carpenter in Chicago; Robert, born April 19, 1868, resides in that city with his mother; Bertha, born March 17, 1869, married August Harms, a farmer near Chicago; and six deceased in infancy. The children born to Joseph and Annie Hilgendorf are as follows: William John Henry, born February 20, 1886, died April 18, of the same year; Ida Hermina Marie, born February 15, 1887; Fredrick Johann Martin, born April 28, 1888, died September 13, following; Henry Emil Hermann, born September 8, 1889; Martha Augusta Wilhelmina, June 9, 1892; and Emil William Henry, November 7, 1893. Mr. Hilgendorf was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Chicago, March 29, 1874, by Rev. August Wagner. Mrs. Hilgendorf was confirmed at Lindenburg, April 9, 1876, by Rev. Theodore Abel.

ELBRIDGE LINCOLN BARNES, one of the prosperous farmers and worthy citizens of Jo Daviess township, Faribault county, Minnesota, forms the subject of this article.

Mr. Barnes was born in Bowdoin, Maine, March 4, 1852, one of a family of six children of Elbridge G. Barnes. He and his brother, Franklin P., also of this township, are the only ones of the family now living. When Elbridge L. was three years of age, his parents moved with their family to Litchfield, Maine, and a short time later to Gardner, same State, where the father engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1858, re-

tiring from mercantile life, he settled on a farm in Franklin county, Maine, and continued to reside there until 1871, when he sold out and came to Minnesota, taking up his abode in Jo Daviess township, Faribault county.

Elbridge L. Barnes was nineteen at the time he came with his parents to Minnesota, the greater part of his life up to that time having been spent in farm work and attendance at school. November 3, 1877, he married Miss Lillian C. Carlton, daughter of James P. and Rebecca (Walker) Carlton. In the Carlton family were twelve children, she being one of the five who are still living. Her parents were both natives of New England, her father born in Haven, New Hampshire. They came west to Minnesota in 1861 and settled in Prescott township, Faribault county, where they are still living, her father at the age of eighty-two years and her mother at eighty. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have had four children, three of whom are living,—Edwin Leroy, Aressa Louise and Lura Cedora.

For one year after his marriage Mr. Barnes lived in Martin county, this State, and then four years in Wadena county. At the end of that time he came back to Jo Daviess township. That was in 1882, and here he has since resided. In 1887 he bought the farm on which he now lives, the southeast quarter of section 15, at the time of purchase being wild prairie without a building on it. To its cultivation and improvement he at once devoted his energies, the result being that to-day he has one of the best 160-acre farms to be found in this region of country. This land cost him $8 per acre, and it is now valued at many times that amount.

Mr. Barnes takes a commendable interest in local affairs, and is now serving as Roadmaster of his district. Fraternally, he is a member of the A. O. U. W., Orient Lodge, No. 34, of Blue Earth City.

JUDGE CHARLES COOLEY, a prominent attorney at Madelia, Watonwan county, was born in Havre de Grace, Harford county, Maryland, November 24, 1848. His father, Daniel M. Cooley, was born in the same place, in 1790, and was a farmer and soldier by occupation. During the war of 1812 he served as Quartermaster and Major of his regiment, having entered the army at the age of twenty-two years and took part in the entire struggle. His death occurred at the age of seventy-seven years. His father, Captain Cooley, also born near Havre de Grace, Maryland, was a farmer and surveyor, and a prominent land and slave-owner. He served as a Captain in the Revolutionary war, under Washington, with whom he was well acquainted. He died when comparatively a young man. Captain Cooley was the father of fifteen children,—two daughters and thirteen sons,—many of whom became prominent in Maryland. One son, Dr. Lawson Cooley, early in life became a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, where he practiced his profession, with marked success, for many years, and was very largely interested in real estate and mining transactions, being the first to develop the iron mines of Missouri.

In a very early time in the history of the West he started to Wisconsin on a pony, which died soon afterward, leaving him to make the journey on foot, which he did in the face of many difficulties and dangers. He was obliged to stop a part of the time with the Indians, and one night was enter-

tained by the noted Chief Keokuk. During the last few days of his journey he subsisted on parched corn. He met, by appointment, seven men from old Fort Dearborn,—now Chicago,—at the present site of Milwaukee, and was the first man to use a seine in lake Michigan, and pre-empted 1,200 acres of land where the city of Milwaukee now stands. Leaving the land in charge of the men above mentioned, who were in his employ, he returned to his home in St. Louis. As he never heard from any of the men afterward, and believed they were murdered by the Indians, he never secured title to the land. Some years later he died, in St. Louis, leaving a large estate.

The mother of our subject, formerly Harriet Wiles, was born in Havre de Grace, Maryland, in 1814, of English and Irish descent. She is still living, aged eighty years. Daniel M. and Harriet Cooley were the parents of nine sons, eight of whom grew to manhood and six are still living, namely: William L., an attorney of Maryland; Ambrose, engaged in agricultural pursuits in that State; Daniel M., a railroad contractor; Charles, the subject of this sketch; Lawson, of Maryland; and George W., a United States mail agent. The deceased sons are: Dr. John H., who died at the age of thirty-one years; James A., who served as Judge of Knox county, Nebraska, from November, 1883, to June 1, 1891, and died at the age of forty-three years; and Edward, who deceased in infancy.

Charles Cooley, the seventh son in the above family, attended the common schools of his native place, and afterward graduated at the Newark Academy, in Delaware. His brother James, who graduated at the same time, delivered the valedictory, and Charles delivered the salutatory. The principal of the academy was Edward D. Porter, afterward professor of the University of Minnesota and now professor of the Missouri University. In 1869 our subject began the study of law, under the preceptorship of H. W. Archer, of Bel Air, Maryland, after which he attended the Maryland University, near Washington, one year; again studied law in the office of Mr. Archer, and was admitted to the bar, in 1872, at Bel Air. In the spring of 1873 Mr. Cooley came to Yankton, South Dakota, where he tried the first case in the district court. In a short time afterward he moved to Bon Homme, that Territory, remaining there until 1876, and during that time served as Sheriff of that county, as District Deputy Clerk and County Attorney. In 1876 Mr. Cooley located at Niobrara, Nebraska, and was elected to the position of County Judge in the following year; but in 1883 he resigned, in favor of his brother, James A., who held the office till 1891. Since 1883 our subject has followed the practice of law in Madelia, Minnesota, and for eight years has served as Village Recorder. In political matters he is a stanch Democrat. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 116.

Judge Cooley was married in September, 1874, to Jennie Goddard, a native of Monroe, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Alfred and Jane C. (Chamberland) Goddard. Her father was a pioneer settler of Monroe, where he was for many years engaged in merchandising. In 1849 he left the business in charge of his partner and crossed the plains to California, where he spent two years in mining, and then returned to Monroe and resumed the mercantile business. He purchased goods from General Grant, with whom he spent many pleasant evenings. Mrs. Cooley's grandfather, Colonel

Chamberland, was a Colonel in a Pennsylvania regiment during the war of 1812. Her paternal grandfather was a Methodist minister of Rutland, Wisconsin. Our subject and wife have had four children: Jennie May, born January 27, 1876, in Bon Homme, Territory of Dakota; Charles R., born November 9, 1877; Julia March 26, 1881; and Margaret, July 15, 1882,—the last three being born in Niobrara, Nebraska.

ELBRIDGE GERRY HALL, Huntley, Minnesota, is one of the representative farmers, and leading citizens of Verona township, Faribault county, and has been identified with the interests of this county since 1872.

Mr. Hall was born in Caledonia county, Vermont, July 7, 1842. His father, Samuel F. Hall, was a native of Connecticut and the son of a Revolutionary soldier. The Halls are of English origin and were among the early settlers of Connecticut. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Calista Houghton. She was born in Caledonia county, Vermont, daughter of Abner Houghton, who was a member of the titled English family of Sir Ralph Houghton, of Houghton Tower, England. Samuel F. Hall and his wife lived for some time in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but returned to Vermont, and, in the Green Mountain State, Mr. Hall died, leaving his widow with two children, namely: Sylvester H., now a prominent citizen of Verona township; and Elbridge G., who, at the time of his father's death, was only thirteen months old. The mother subsequently became the wife of David Goss. She died at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, at the age of fifty-five years.

Elbridge G. Hall was reared to farm life in his native State. For about ten years he made his home with his uncle, Harley M. Hall, a prominent dealer in fine sheep. August 25, 1862, the subject of our sketch responded to Lincoln's call for "300,000 more," and as a member of Company H, Twelfth Vermont Regiment, went to the front. He participated in many prominent engagements, among which was the battle of Gettysburg, and was honorably discharged at Burlington, Vermont, July 14, 1863, coming out of the service without injury save some slight flesh wounds.

In 1864 Mr. Hall went to Boston, Massachusetts, and engaged in the hotel business, remaining there six months. Then he went to California, and in the Golden State spent six years, his time being divided between mining and the hotel business. He returned to Vermont in 1870, a year later went to Colorado, visiting Georgetown and Pike's Peak, and there, as in California, giving his attention to mining and hotel business, and in 1872 came from Colorado to Minnesota. Here he has since been engaged in farming. Since 1884 he has resided on his present farm of 240 acres in Verona township. His land is well watered by Center creek, and is adapted for general farming and stock-raising. For some time he has given special attention to the raising of cattle and hogs. He has a large barn 54 x 60 feet in dimensions, a comfortable frame residence, grove of seven acres, and other valuable improvements upon his land.

Mr. Hall was married February 13, 1884, to Orpha C. Hill, an educated and refined lady and for some years a popular and successful teacher. She was born in New York, came west to Wisconsin with her parents when she was two years old, and since her ninth year has been a resident of

Minnesota. Her parents are Felix and Julia (Hoover) Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have four children, namely: Leland Elbridge, Ralph Houghton, Frank Dergan, and Florence Rosalie.

Mr. Hall is a supporter of the Republican party, and a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a man of broad and progressive views, frank and genial manner, and is as popular as he is well known.

C. B. PARK.—In the work of developing, improving and opening up to civilization the county of Faribault, Minnesota, this gentleman has borne an important part. He has seen the wild lands transformed into beautiful homes and farms, and towns and villages spring up. At the time of his arrival at Minnesota Lake there were only four or five houses, and where Wells is now it was then a bleak prairie. In all the work of progress and improvement he has borne his part, and among the honored pioneers he well deserves mention.

Mr. Park is a native of Windham county, Vermont, born November 2, 1830, descending from sturdy New England stock. The great-grandfather was the founder of the family in America, and the grandfather, Robert Park, was born in Connecticut. He served in the Colonial army during the war of the Revolution and was quite a large slave-holder, receiving that property as a part of his inheritance from his father's estate. He gave these slaves their freedom by their enlisting in the Revolutionary war. The parents of our subject, Robert and Hannah (Faulkner) Park, were both natives of Vermont, and the mother of the latter was born in Acton, Massachusetts. The great-grandmother Rice was a native of Scotland. In the family of Robert and Hannah Park were thirteen children, six sons and seven daughters, of whom five are still living. Elzina, the widow of S. O. Davis, resides in Lake county, South Dakota; C. B., of this sketch, is the next younger; Azriah P., who was formerly associated with our subject in business and is now in professional circles in Wells, Minnesota; Abigail is now keeping house for her brother; and Hezekiah A. is a business man of Wells. Miss Abigail Park, who is now keeping house for her brother C. B., has resided in Minnesota since 1867 and is a very intelligent lady and entertaining conversationalist. She attended the common-schools of her native county,—Windham county, Vermont,—and greatly through her own efforts fitted herself for teaching. She first taught in the Grafton school of that county, and after our subject came to the West she with their mother followed him and became one of the successful teachers of Dane county, Wisconsin. She taught the first school of Wells, and for three terms taught in Minnesota Lake and eleven terms at Wilton, making thirty-nine terms in all. She possessed most excellent ability for that profession, having a happy faculty of imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge she had acquired. Among her former pupils are men now prominent in business and professional circles who were greatly aided during their earlier years by her instruction and wise counsel. She now presides with grace over the beautiful and pleasant home of C. B. Park, and in this community her friends are many. Their mother kept house for C. B. till the time of her death, which occurred November 3, 1875. Mr. Park's grandmother, Anna (Gibson) Park, was a native

of England, and emigrated to this country with her parents when six years of age.

C. B. Park attended the common schools near his childhood's home, and through his intercourse with men and affairs he has become a man of more than average ability. He was sixteen years of age at the time of his father's death and the work of the farm then devolved upon him. He faithfully discharged his duties and gained an experience that has been of much benefit to him. On leaving the old home in the Green Mountain State he made his way westward, settling in Dane county, Wisconsin, where his brother had located the previous year. He purchased eighty acres of land near the Wisconsin river and resided there from 1856 until 1860, when he removed to Sauk county, that State. In 1865, with a horse and buggy, he drove to his present home place, coming by way of Prairie du Chien and Albert Lea along the Cobb river to Minnesota Lake, arriving May 22, 1865. He obtained a homestead of 143 acres, securing the papers for the same at the land office at Winnebago City. The following year he established a hardware store at Minnesota Lake, and three years later engaged in the same business at Wells, with his brothers Edmond and H. A., where they built the first hardware store of that town. The land which he secured was entirely wild and unimproved, but to-day it is a valuable property, adorned with beautiful groves, fitted up with good buildings and supplied with clear sparkling water, all of which makes this a very fine farm.

In 1867 Mr. Park was instrumental in organizing the Independent Order of Good Templars and has served as deputy and Worthy Chief. He has long been a prominent and untiring worker in the field of temperance, and all enterprises or interests calculated to advance education and morality receive his support. He cast his first presidential vote for Winfield Scott, and has since been a supporter of the Republican party and its principles. He has never sought office, preferring to give his time exclusively to his business affairs, but he served for two years as Town Treasurer and has also filled school offices. He and his sister hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and throughout the community in which they reside they are both widely and favorably known.

WILLIAM GILLSON, an esteemed pioneer of Lake township, Faribault county, Minnesota, is a native of Huntingdonshire, born November 20, 1838, and is a son of William and Phoebe (Coe) Gillson, and the second in a family of seven boys, five of whom have settled in the United States. George, who located in the State of New York, afterward moved to Dodge county, Wisconsin, settling on the Crawfish river near Beaver Dam. Here, in a sawmill, in 1863, he lost his life. His widow and nine children subsequently located a homestead on section 1, Walnut Lake township, where she still resides with her sons, James and Lafayette. Butler Gillson emigrated to America in 1865 and located on Minnesota Lake, where he made his home with his brother John. He subsequently took up a homestead on section 16.

The subject of our sketch set sail on the 4th of March, 1874, from Liverpool, with Capt. Freeman on the Silas Wright, a three-masted sailing vessel on her first voyage with

about 400 passengers. After a stormy passage of forty-two days she cast anchor in New York bay. In the company of John and Thomas Gillson the three brothers continued their journey to Chicago, by way of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad. On his arrival in Chicago William Gillson found himself without money, but borrowed some from his brother George, who, three years previously, had come to this country and settled near Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. On securing the money he pursued his journey to Beaver Dam, where, during the winter following, he cut ties for a railroad that was being built from that place to Columbus. Subsequently with his brother Robert he conditionally purchased eighty acres of timber land, from which he cut cord-wood, selling the same in Beaver Dam for $1 per cord. This farm he traded to an Iowa man for some land in that State, but never saw the Iowa farm. While a resident of Dodge county he was sadly imposed upon by sharpers and his money was taken from him. In 1861, in company with two brothers and a Mr. Pease and Mr. Baker, he came to Faribault county, Minnesota, where he secured 160 acres on sections 2 and 10, Minnesota Lake township. There was not a stick of timber on the claim or a stone that could be utilized for any practical purpose. On this claim he erected a small frame shanty 12 x 16, the timber of which came from Cobb river. This shanty still stands, and was located in the middle of section 10, where Mr. Gillson resided until 1876, when he traded farms with N. J. Kremer, who lived on section 36, where he has since made his home. Soon after his arrival he engaged in carrying the mail from Minnesota Lake to Mankato, and was in this employment about three years. There was but one bridge between the two places, and that was partly under water the greater part of the year.

On removing to section 36 Mr. Gillson built a very comfortable residence, which has since been his place of abode. The first years of his residence in Minnesota were particularly hard. There were no home markets and he was compelled to haul his grain many miles to find a place to sell. In 1863 he hauled wheat with oxen to Hastings, Minnesota, making five trips during the season; in 1868 he made several trips to Faribault, Rice county. On one occasion he took fifty-six bushels to St. Paul, expecting to get a good price, probably $1.50 per bushel; on his arrival, however, he received only $.50!

On the 15th of May, 1850, Mr. Gillson was united in marriage with Miss Charlotte Taylor, a native of Lincolnshire, England, born in 1828. Five children came of this union: George, born in Huntingdonshire, England, is now a resident of Wells; William Henry, born in Allonsbury, Weston, Huntingdonshire, is also a resident of Wells; Joseph, born in the same locality, died in Dodge county, Wisconsin, a short time after their arrival in America; Joseph, born in Dodge county, died in childhood, in Minnesota Lake township; Fannie N., who married Calvin McNeal, a farmer of Clark township, Faribault county, died in 1884. Mr. Gillson was the first Pathmaster of three towns—Lura, Dunbar and Minnesota Lake. He has never sought office and has preferred to devote his time to agricultural pursuits. He has been on the School Board, and is a good friend of the public schools. He brought the lumber from Hastings and Faribault for the erection of the first schoolhouse in Minnesota Lake

township. Politically he is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of the Methodist Church, but was reared in the Church of England, his father being a Clerk of the church in the village of Buckworth, Huntingdonshire, for over forty years. His mother likewise was a good Christian woman and worker in the Sunday-school. She died in 1877.

Mr. Gillson was a conspicuous figure in the Indian troubles in 1862. In his declining years he has laid by a competence, and is still the owner of his valuable farm, which yields to him a good income. No man in the community is more widely known or enjoys more the respect of his fellow townsmen.

CHARLES WINZER, owner of the Lone Tree Lodge and first settler of Weimar township, Jackson county, was born in the State of Saxe-Weimar, Germany, June 14, 1845, he having been one of eight children of Christopher and Maria B. (Hoffman) Winzer. Seven of these children are living, the others besides the subject of this sketch being the following: Matilda, now Mrs. Herman Zippe, of Chicago; Wilhelmina, the wife of John C. V. Boerner, of Buergel, Germany; Amelia, who is married to Frederick E. Haupt, of Ollendorf, Germany; Louise, the widow of George C. Hecker, of Erfurt, Germany; Jacob Ernst and Carl R., both of Niederzimmern, Germany. The parents spent their lives in their native country, where Mr. Winzer died, at fifty-six years of age, and his wife at the age of seventy-three.

Charles Winzer, the subject of this sketch, attended in boyhood the schools of his native land, and at seventeen years of age came to this country, by himself. Upon arriving at New York, after spending two days in the city, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-third Regiment of New York Volunteer Infantry, in Company K. The regiment was transferred from New York city to New Orleans, where they first served under General Butler, and was later transferred to Baton Rouge, taking part in the Baton Rouge expedition and in several engagements in Louisiana. During the second day of their engagement at Port Hudson Mr. Winzer was wounded and taken to the hospital at Baton Rouge, where he remained for nine months. Upon partial recovery he was transferred to the Invalid Corps, and later became a member of the celebrated Twenty-second Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps Band, with whom he served out the remainder of his term. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, on November 2, 1865.

After leaving the service he removed to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, when, on May 20, 1866, he was married to Miss Ida M. Peter, who also was a native of Germany, and a daughter of Carl and Julietta (Brandes) Peter. After remaining a short time in Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. Winzer removed to Chicago, where he engaged in the grocery business. After continuing in that city until 1869, not being satisfied with the business conditions there, he made a tour through Missouri, Kansas, etc., and to Duluth, Minnesota, helping as carpenter to build up Duluth. There were three houses here when he came and about 200 when he left Duluth. In the fall of that year (1869), he came to Jackson, this State, and settled on the east shore of Heron lake, on section 26, taking up a quarter section of Government land where

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he now lives, and known as Lone Tree Lodge. This name came from a gigantic solitary elm which stands near the homestead, a landmark for miles around.

Mr. Winzer, being the first settler in that region, very naturally gave to the township which was to be his future home the name of his native State of Weimar. Meeting with good success in business, he from time to time added to his property here until the land now owned in the family comprises about 840 acres. As an instance of the enterprise and foresight of Mr. Winzer, it may be said that during the trying grasshopper times he made a trip through the Southern States, including Texas, in order to learn whether there might be other more promising locations in which to settle, the result of the trip being his return to Jackson county fully satisfied that no better location could be found, subsequent events fully justifying his judgment.

In general politics he is well grounded in the principles of the Republican party. In local matters he has always been recognized as one of the broad-minded men of this region. For years he acted as Justice of the Peace, and as member of the Board of Supervisors, of which he has been chairman; also he has been Town Clerk, etc. He is a member of the Grand Army Post at Heron Lake, also of Philadelphia Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the A. O. U. W. During the season of entertainment Mr. and Mrs. Winzer entertain friends from different points of the country, many of the noted men of the Twin Cities enjoying the hospitalities of the "Lodge." The children in their family are five in number, named as follows: Charles A. (the first child born in the township), Ernest R., Minnie, Daisy and Lena,—all of whom are living at home.

WILLIAM H. KETZEBACK stands in the foremost ranks of the business men of Wells, where he is extensively engaged in milling. He is also cashier and manager of the German American State Bank, and with the commercial interests of this locality his name is inseparably connected. He possesses the true Western spirit,—the enterprise and energy which have placed the West on a par with the older East.

Mr. Ketzeback was born in Shefferd, province of Quebec, Canada, October 17, 1835, and descends from English and Holland ancestry. The paternal grandfather, John Ketzeback, was born in Holland, and during his boyhood came to this country with his father's family, settling in the Mohawk valley of the Empire State, where they were numbered among the pioneers. When a young man the grandfather went with a colony to Canada, and, like the others, was given 200 acres of land, the condition being that he should locate upon it. He spent the remainder of his days on that farm, his death occurring when he was about 100 years of age.

The father of our subject, Henry Ketzeback, was the second in a family of nine children, and was born in Canada, where he lived until middle life. He then came to the United States, settling in Freeport, Illinois, where he lived for three years, removing at the expiration of that period to Minnesota. He settled in Winona county, taking up land from the Government, which he continued to cultivate and improve for a number of years. In 1861 he returned to Canada, but after the close of the Civil war he again came to Minnesota, settling in Medo township, Blue Earth county, where his home was throughout his remaining

days. The family was noted for longevity, and he died at the age of eighty years. In early life he had married Polly Burnham, a native of New Durham, New Hampshire, and one of the nine children of John Burnham, Sr., also a native of the old Granite State, where his entire life was passed. He, too, was a centenarian at the time of his death. His father, John Burnham, Sr., was born in Maine, and in early years emigrated to New Hampshire. He traced his ancestry in direct line back to John Burnham, the founder of the family in America, who crossed the Atlantic from England and settled in Maine long before the Revolution. Mrs. Ketzeback died about the year 1863. In her family were nine children, six of whom are yet living.

One of this number is the gentleman whose name introduces this review, and we now take up his personal history. He spent his boyhood in his native land, and when six years of age was injured by a falling log, which maimed him for life. To some extent, however, he recovered and throughout his life has always been a very active and energetic man. At the age of seventeen he came to this country with his family and lived in Illinois until twenty years of age, when he became a resident of Winona county, Minnesota, entering there a quarter section of land in Utica township. He gave to Utica township its name, and was serving as judge of election when the State organization was effected. His land he continued to cultivate and improve until 1865, when he sold out and bought a farm in Olmsted county.

Mr. Ketzeback was married in the city of Winona, in 1862, to Philena Skillings, daughter of William Skillings and a native of Maine. Her grandfather was William Skillings and his father was the owner of a large part of the land on which the city of Portland, Maine, now stands and which he leased for ninety-nine years, the lease expiring in 1894. Mrs. Ketzeback died in 1867, leaving two children: Edith, who died in childhood; and Eva, now the wife of Myron Godding, the cashier of the Security State Bank of Minnesota Lake. After the death of his wife Mr. Ketzeback sold his farm and for two years was unsettled. In January, 1869, he was again married, his second union being with Amelia Ackerman, daughter of Captain Ackerman, who was born in New York and for many years was master of sailing vessels on the lakes. His children were eight in number, and five children, all still living, have been born to our worthy subject and his estimable wife, namely: Cora, wife of C. B. Hall, of Wells; Winnefred, wife of Charles Todd, also of Wells; Archie, Ray and Grace, who yet make their home under the parental roof and are now attending school.

Upon his marriage in 1869 Mr. Ketzeback settled in Ottawa, Le Sueur county, Minnesota, where for three years he engaged in the hardware business. He then sold out and turned his attention to farming, owning a tract of land of 440 acres in Blue Earth county, which he cultivated and improved for three years, after which his occupation was again changed, he buying a gristmill in Alma, where he carried on the milling business until October, 1885. At that time he disposed of his Alma property and came to Wells, making a permanent location here. In connection with a partner he purchased a mill property which had been idle for eight years, remodeled it, put in the latest improved machinery, and began the manufacture of flour, turning out from 50 to

125 barrels of flour per day. The business rapidly and constantly increased, and facilities were enlarged to meet the demand, until the mill now has a capacity of 250 barrels per day. In 1891 the firm built an elevator, one of the largest west of La Crosse, which, together with the elevator attached to the mill, gives a capacity of 80,000 bushels. In 1893, in connection with Joseph Starkey, Mr. Ketzeback purchased a mill at Mapleton with a capacity of 150 barrels, and in addition to this he anticipates building two more elevators in the summer of 1895. To carry on this vast volume of business it requires the services of twenty-two men, and the pay-roll of the firm requires $1,400 per month. Mr. Ketzeback's success is probably due in a large measure to his familiarity with the business in all its details, a fact which makes him a most able and careful manager. He is also a man of systematic methods, painstaking and exact, but never overbearing, and he has the confidence and respect of all his workmen, many of whom have long been in his employ. His laudable ambition is tempered by conservatism, his progressive spirit is guided by almost unerring judgment in business affairs, and in consequence he has won a success that has numbered him among the wealthy citizens of his adopted county. As a convenience to his other business, in the fall of 1893 he organized the German American State Bank, in which he is now serving as cashier and manager, and from its incipiency the establishment has proved a profitable venture.

The foundation of William Ketzeback's career was laid in his boyhood days. His father was a devout Christian, whose social and business character was above reproach, and during his children's early years it was his custom to gather his family around the altar in prayer. He instilled into their minds lessons of truth and uprightness which have never been forgotten and have proved the guiding power of their lives. The mother, too, left her influence for good upon the family circle. She was a well-educated lady, and for some time managed the business affairs until turning them over to the care of her son William, who at that time was fifteen years of age. Thus while quite young he became familiar with business principles and business men. Unlike many men of extensive business interests, Mr. Ketzeback finds time for religious work, and is a member of the Presbyterian church. He contributes liberally to the support of the church, and is a very charitable and benevolent man. Suffering always arouses his sympathy, which finds expression in substantial aid. This was largely shown in his munificent gifts to the cyclone sufferers of this vicinity, and at this writing he is gathering material for a car-load of clothing and other much needed supplies for the sufferers of Nebraska. He does not give ostentatiously, but more after the spirit of the lesson which says, "Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth." He is accounted one of the enterprising, forcible men of the day, exerting a marked influence in the development of the community.

QUARTIN L. HOUGER, a farmer of section 24, Center Creek township, Martin county, was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, February 24, 1851, a son of Bert and Bertha (Tenneson) Houger, natives of Norway. They were married in their native country, and came to America in 1848. They came

direct to Dodge county, Wisconsin, where Mr. Houger purchased Government land. They came to Minnesota in the fall of 1865, and January 3, 1866, located on a homestead in Center Creek township, Martin county, which he improved. His death occurred at the age of seventy years. Mrs. Houger departed this life in Martin county, at the age of seventy-one years. They were the parents of four children: Thorne T., born in Norway in 1847, lived in this county until 1890, since which time he has been a resident of California; Matilda, born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, in 1849, is the wife of A. A. Williams, a prominent farmer and grain dealer of Faribault county; Martin L., the subject of this sketch; and Gustave H.; born in Dodge county, in 1853, is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Chippewa county, Minnesota.

Martin L. Houger came with his parents to Martin county, Minnesota, at the age of fifteen years, in 1866, and remained at home until twenty-one years of age. He then worked by the month at farm labor until he had saved $1,200, with which he purchased the place he now owns. He now has 320 acres of well improved land, where he built a good two-story residence, at a cost of $1,600, has erected good barns, the largest being 100 x 160 feet, and made many other substantial improvements. At one time Mr. Houger made a specialty of raising good stock.

January 1, 1879, he was united in marriage with Anna C. Johnson, born in Verona township, Faribault county, Minnesota, in 1858, a daughter of Rufus and Coralinn (Williams) Johnson, early pioneers of this county. They now make their home with the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Houger have five children: Bertha, born in 1880; Emma, in 1883; Rufus, in 1886; Royal, in 1891; and John Bidwell in 1894. The family are members of the Freewill Baptist Church, in which Mr. Houger has served as Deacon and Trustee. He is a prominent and active worker in the Prohibition party, and has served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and in other positions of trust.

RALPH F. DRAKE.—The history of our Revolutionary forefathers furnishes a source of inspiration and help, but the records of the citizens of to-day contains much that is none the less profitable and beneficial if we would heed the obvious lessons therein contained. Although surroundings may differ the essential conditions of human life are ever the same, and the enterprise and industry of the business man of to-day is as well worthy of emulation as the perseverance and resolution of him who lived in Colonial days. The life of Mr. Drake perhaps would be considered an uneventful one, yet it is not without its points of interest, as is that of every honest man who has done his duty to his country, his neighbor and himself.

He has the distinction of being the first white child born in Freeborn county, Minnesota, the date of that event being July 30, 1856. His father, James Martin Drake, was born in Massachusetts in 1812, and resided there until the spring of 1856, when he came to the West and settled in Freeborn county, Minnesota, where he remained for seven years, when he came to Faribault county. Here he entered from the Government a claim of 160 acres on section 22, Foster township. He was also one of the earlier settlers of this section of the State and devel-

oped the wild tract of land into one of the finest farms in the county. Upon the homestead he spent his remaining days, and there departed this life on the 30th of June, 1876, at the age of sixty-eight years. While in the East he had engaged in merchandising, but after coming to Minnesota took up agricultural pursuits and became one of the leading and influential farmers of the community in which he made his home. He was always public-spirited and aided in the advancement of those interests which were calculated to promote the general welfare and add to the to the general prosperity. For many years he served as Clerk of Foster township, and was also Justice of the Peace. In politics he was a stanch Republican through a long term of years. In early life he was an earnest member of the Congregational Church, and while living in the West was actively associated with the Presbyterian Church, taking a deep interest in the cause of Christianity, and doing all in his power for its promotion. Ere leaving his native State he married Sarah Nutting, who died a number of years before him, on the 8th of October, 1883, at the age of sixty-four years. Both the Drake and Nutting families resided in New England for many generations.

The parents of our subject had a family that numbered nine children, eight of whom are yet living, as follows: Francis E., a Methodist minister, now living in the State of Washington; Walter H., also a Methodist minister in Washington; Sarah N., wife of George Hopp, a resident of Martin county, Minnesota; Helen S., wife of Angus McGiness, of Washington; Ruth N., wife of C. A. Weeks, of Albert Lea, Minnesota; John H.; Jesse F., a resident of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Ralph F., who completes the family.

The last named is the subject of this review. His early life was spent on the old family homestead in Foster township, and he was reared amid the wild scenes of the frontier, for this locality was then almost on the western boundary of civilization. He aided in the labors of the farm as soon as he was old enough to handle the plow and continued to give his father the benefit of his services until eighteen years of age, when he began earning his own living by working for others. Throughout his entire life he has carried on agricultural pursuits, and today is the owner of a fine farm of 200 acres, which he has under a high state of cultivation, raising the various cereals which are adapted to this climate. He also keeps on hand twenty cows for dairy purposes, and is one of the projectors of the Foster Co-operative Dairy Association, of which he is the secretary. The association has now passed the experimental stage and is on a safe, financial basis, proving a splendid investment and yielding to the stockholders an excellent dividend. Mr. Drake has excellent ability as a manager and his close attention to all the details of his business, combined with energy and enterprise, have made him one of the most successful farmers of Faribault county.

On the 29th of April, 1873, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Drake and Miss Emma L. Goetz, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of F. M. Goetz, who had a large family of children. Mr. and Mrs. Drake have three children, Corena A., Ernest Lloyd and Luella Lydia. The eldest is now a student in the Presbyterian College in Albert Lea, Minnesota. The family is one of note in this locality, and the members of the household occupy enviable positions in the social circles in which they move. In

politics Mr. Drake is an inflexible supporter of the Republican party, and socially is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, belonging to the lodge in Wells.

VOLNEY W. TULLOCK, one of the representative citizens of Jackson county, was born near Rockford, Winnebago county, Illinois, December 21, 1856, a son of George Tullock, a shoemaker by trade, who was born, reared and educated in Scotland, and was a member of a family noted for its industry and honesty. At the age of twenty-five years he removed to Chicago, then a small place, and went thence to Rockford, where he followed his trade for a time. He married Mary Ann Milne, a native also of Scotland, who came to the United States at the age of twenty years. They had nine children, six of whom are now living: Maggie, William, Emma, Alonzo, Volney W. and George. The deceased children were: Alexander, Albert and Orlando. The mother departed this life in October, 1890, aged seventy-eight years. The father still resides near Rockford, also aged seventy-eight years. He was one of the early pioneers of the county, and in an early day he hauled wheat to Chicago, a distance of 100 miles. In political matters he was formerly a Republican, but now endorses the People's party.

V. W. Tullock, the subject of this sketch, was early inured to farm labor. At the age of twenty-six years he purchased eighty acres of land in Illinois, but in 1886 he exchanged that farm for his present place in Jackson county, Minnesota. He is a member of the Republican party, and has served as a member of the School Board.

December 19, 1879, at Rockford, Illinois, he was united in marriage with Mary Florence Eames, a native of Wheaton, DuPage county, Illinois, but reared and educated in Michigan. Her father, Phineas Eames, was a native of Maine, who moved to Illinois when a young man, and was married there to Matilda Emerson, who was born in Lombard, DuPage county. Her father was one of the early pioneers of that locality. Phineas Eames and wife had ten children, six of whom died in childhood in Wheaton. The mother, a son and a daughter died in the great fire of October, 1871, and the father died at Lombard, Illinois, in 1872, from injuries received in that fire. Mrs. Tullock is the only one of her father's family now living. One sister, Nettie, died in California, in 1891, at the age of thirty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Tullock have four children, namely: Warren Milne, born December 21, 1883; George Albert, born May 27, 1886; Clark, August 6, 1888; and Ella May, April 12, 1891.

ABRAM BUTTERFIELD, a farmer of section 29, Prescott township, Faribault county, was born near Toronto, Canada, March 2, 1844, a son of Daniel and Lucinda (Fuller) Butterfield, natives respectively of New York and Connecticut, and were both members of old and prominent families. They located in Macomb county, Michigan, and afterward removed to Lapeer county, that State, where the father still resides, aged eighty-four years. He is a farmer and carpenter by trade. The mother departed this life at the age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters, all now living.

Abram Butterfield, the youngest in order of birth, and the only one in this State, enlisted for service in the late war August 27, 1862, in the Fifth Michigan Cavalry, Company D, under Colonel Copeland and later under Colonel Alger. The regiment made a brilliant and gallant record, and participated in the battles of Gettysburg and the Wilderness, in General Kilpatrick's raid on Richmond, in General Sheridan's raid, in the Shenandoah Valley campaign, and in many other engagements of the Army of the Potomac. Mr. Butterfield was twice wounded, at Gettysburg and Trevilian Station. After returning from the army he followed farming in Lapeer county, Michigan, until 1874, when he located on his present farm, then unimproved land. He now owns 160 acres of good farming land, where he has made many improvements.

Mr. Butterfield was married in Michigan, March 4, 1874, to Sarah Ensign, a native of Macomb county, that State, and a daughter of R. E. and Jane (Hotham) Ensign, the former a native of New York and the latter of English parentage. Her death occurred at the age of thirty-three years, leaving three children, one son and two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield also have three children,—Harley W., Mabel L. and Orwell C. Politically, our subject indorses the Republican party, and socially, is a member of the G. A. R. and A. O. U. W.

CHARLES W. THAYER, a well-to-do and highly respected farmer of Barber township, Faribault county, Minnesota, has been indentified with this place since 1869. A brief review of his life gives the following facts:

Charles W. Thayer was born in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, November 23, 1845, son of Captain Manley and Orrisa (Thayer) Thayer, both natives of Lewis county, New York. His father was Captain of militia in the Empire State. Some time after their marriage the Captain and his wife came West and settled in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, near Lake Mills, where they spent the remainder of their lives and died, her death occurring at the age of forty-seven, and his at eighty-seven. They had a family of eight children, five daughters and three sons, namely: Clarissa, Julia, Andrew, Sophrona, Lydia, Eli, Charles, and Jennie.

His father being a farmer, Charles was reared to farm life, and in the common schools of his native State received a fair education. When the Civil war broke out he was a boy in his 'teens, but before its close he volunteered his service in defense of the Union, enlisting in September, 1864, in the First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, and was stationed near Washington, District of Columbia. The war over, he was honorably discharged and returned to his home in Wisconsin. He continued to reside in Wisconsin until 1869, when he came to Minnesota and settled on eighty acres of land in Barber township, Faribault county. Here he built a rude shanty and began life in true pioneer style, and here as the years passed by prosperity attended his efforts. He has increased his landed estate to 400 acres. The small house he at first occupied is now used as a wood-shed, and his present commodious residence, built in 1891, at a cost of $2,600, is a most delightful home, complete in all its equipments. He also has a large barn, windmill and other improvements, and among the attractive features of his place is a fine grove of seven acres. For a number

of years Mr. Thayer has operated a thresher during the threshing seasons, and is one of the best known and most popular men in this line of business in the State of Minnesota.

Mr. Thayer was married April 15, 1867, to Miss Sarah McCort, who was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Fisher) McCort, the former a native of the north of Ireland and the latter of Scotland. Mrs. Thayer spent the first sixteen years of her life in New York, and then came West with her parents to Wisconsin. Her father lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years; her mother died at the age of seventy-five. They had twelve children, five sons and seven daughters. Three of the sons, John, Peter and George, were soldiers in the late war. George participated in sixteen battles, was in prison nine months, and after the war returned to Wisconsin, where he now lives, a respected citizen of Jefferson county. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer have four children, viz.: Jennie, wife of Charles L. Smith; Manley, attending college at Mankato, Minnesota; and Blanche and Nelly, at home. Mrs. Smith is an expert musician.

In his political views Mr. Thayer harmonizes with the Republican party. He has served as Supervisor. Fraternally, he is identified with the G. A. R. and the A. O. U. W. He is in the prime of life, is frank and genial in his intercourse with his fellow men, and is as highly respected as he is well-known.

JOHN HENRY FRIEDRICH POPPE, residing in Lake Belt township, is numbered among Martin county's exemplary farmers. He was born in Hanover, Germany, February 10, 1847, and is a representative of one of the old families of that country. His father, Christopher Poppe, was born on the 15th of June, 1815, and is the fourth in a family of six children, the other members of the family being Frederick, William, Henry, William and Mary Ann. He is the only one that found a home in America, and he is now living in Fullersburg, DuPage county, Illinois. He wedded Mary Cook, daughter of Frederick Cook, who visited this country, but afterward returned to the Fatherland, where his last days were passed. Of his family, numbering three daughters, Mrs. Poppe was the eldest. The others were Dorothea and Wilhelmina. The former became the wife of Frederick Volker and died in Germany, leaving two children, Louisa and Sophie. The latter wedded Chris Thelie and departed this life at her home in Proviso, Illinois, also leaving two children, Henry and Sophie. Her husband afterward married Margareta Lowrence.

Christopher Poppe, father of our subject, bade adieu to friends and native land in 1868 and joined his two oldest sons, who some years previous had come to the United States and were living in Proviso, Illinois. There Mr. Poppe purchased property and has since resided, one of the highly respected citizens of that community. In 1881 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 3d of April, 1880. The members of their family are as follows: Henry Frederick William, born July 4, 1844, now living near Elgin, Illinois, learned both the trades of mason and butcher. He was joined in wedlock with Mary Glaser and had one child, Henry, who died in infancy. John Henry Frederick is the second of the family. Charlie, who makes his home with his father, married

Lena Meyer and they have two children,—Bernhardt and an infant daughter. Louisa Ann, born June 15, 1862, was married February 15, 1890, to Charles Dolasky, of Pullman, Illinois, where he is employed by the Pullman Palace Car Company. Their son bears the name of Edward. Herman, who completes the family, was born in July, 1864, and is a mechanic now living in San Francisco.

At the age of fifteen Mr. Poppe started out in life for himself and was employed much of the time as a waiter in a hotel. At the age of nineteen he started out to try his fortune in America, having heard of the superior advantages and privileges which the New World afforded to young men. Accompanied by his brother Henry he sailed from Bremen on the 4th of May, 1866, and on the 17th of the same month landed at New York, where he first set foot on American soil. They made their way across the country to Proviso, Illinois, where they had an uncle living, and there our subject began working for wages as a farm hand. In the fall of 1877 he rented a farm of O. J. Stowe, upon which he lived until the spring of 1886. On the 18th of June, 1884, he purchased of W. H. Hansen the farm on which he now resides, and on the 5th of March, 1886, he came to Martin county, where he has since made his home. He rented a farm belonging to Aron Johnson and continued its cultivation until March 15, 1889, when he removed upon his own farm. In the meantime he had erected a number of buildings of a substantial kind, and he now has 160 acres of valuable land, of which 125 acres is broken and yields to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestows upon it. A two-acre grove adds to the beauty and value of the place, and on the farm are forty head of hogs, fifteen head of cattle, and four horses.

The lady who shares the name and fortunes of Mr. Poppe was in her maidenhood Wilhelmina Christina Meyer, and, on the 3d of January, 1870, she gave her hand in marriage to the gentleman whose name heads this review. She was born January 3, 1855, and is a daughter of Ludwig and Dora (Kemann) Meyer. Her father was born June 5, 1820, and died September 8, 1880. She lost her mother when only four years old, and her brother, the only other child of the family, William by name, who was born July 30, 1853, died September 12, 1883. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Poppe are as follows: Friderich Christopher Ludovic Carl, who was born August 7, 1877, and was confirmed March 26, 1893, at Welcome, Minnesota, by Rev. C. G. Eisenberg; Edward Carl George Friderich, born May 29, 1879, died August 11, 1880; Rosa Louisa Sophia Frederica Maria, born February 15, 1881, and confirmed April 17, 1895, at Welcome, by the same minister; Emil William Henry, born March 25, 1882; Lewis Carl Hermann, born September 11, 1883; Carl Diedrick William, born September 8, 1885; Hermann George Heinrich, born February 7, 1888; Anna May Lena Margaret, born March 9, 1890; Heinrich Gottfred, born March 26, 1891; Edward Diedrich, born November 21, 1893. Of the Lutheran Church, the parents are worthy members. The father was confirmed at Rodewato, Hanover, Germany, in March, 1881, by the Reverend Kandelhart; and the mother, at Proviso, Illinois, April 5, 1868, by the Rev. D. M. Zuger.

Mr. Poppe is truly a self-made man and all who know him honor him for his upright career. He has been a hero in the blood-

less battles waged with poverty, hardship, and almost insurmountable obstacles, and has come out conqueror in the strife. His hope of bettering his financial condition in America has been realized, and he needs never regret the step which he took in 1866, when he left the Fatherland and came to the New World, for it has furnished him a pleasant home, a comfortable competence and many warm friends.

W. R. HASKIN, a prominent farmer near Wells, has been a resident here ever since 1866. He was born on the south bank of the Ohio river, at Murrayville, West Virginia, August 26, 1838, a son of Riley Haskin, a native of Canada and a son of James Haskin, who was an Englishman that fled from Canada to the United States in Revolutionary times to avoid persecution by the Tories. He was reared on the east shores of Lake Erie, in New York State. His father, James, died in the State of New York.

Mr. Riley Haskin went to Ohio when a young man, and at Rome, Geauga county, Ohio, married Christina Sloat, a native of Ashtabula county, that State, and of German ancestry. A short time after his marriage he went to Murrayville, Virginia. By trade he was a ship carpenter. In 1855, when the subject of this sketch was a boy, the family came to this State, by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, landing at Brownsville, this State. Proceeding to Fillmore county, the father took a claim; but subsequently he went to Boulder City, Colorado, where he now resides, aged eighty-three years; his wife is eighty-two years old, and they have been married fifty-five years. They had nine children, as follows: Alfred, who was a soldier in the Sixth Minnesota Infantry in the late war, and died in Texas; W. R., who is the immediate subject of this biography; Sarah J.; Hester Ann; James Monroe, who also was in the last war, a member of Company K, Fourth Minnesota Infantry, and died in the service; Silas is now a resident of North Park, Colorado; Clinton, who died in Missouri; Ella and Addie. Mr. Riley Haskin is a Republican, and both himself and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. W. R. Haskin was brought up on a pioneer farm in Fillmore county, this State, receiving a common-school education. During the war, August 12, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Second Minnesota Infantry. After a brief sojourn at Fort Snelling the men were ordered to Washington, District of Columbia, but at Pittsburg, on their way, they were ordered back to Louisville, Kentucky, and toward the front, and subsequently engaged in the battle of Mill Springs, that State. They were within hearing of the battle of Shiloh, and on the next day after that battle they aided in the burial of the dead on that battle-field and care of the wounded. At the battle of Chickamauga, September 20, 1864, he was captured, and was held for six days, with no food. He and two others escaped, but at the foot of Lookout mountain he was recaptured and taken to the headquarters of Generals Beauregard and Buckner; and thence he was conveyed on to Ringgold, Georgia, and to Atlanta, where he was confined in a bull-pen for five days, and was then taken to Libby prison, where he was confined for two months. Next he was taken to Danville, Virginia, where he was kept in a tobacco shed and warehouse, and then taken to Andersonville and kept there from April to

September, suffering the indescribable horrors of that awful place; but he kept up his spirits, making rings and selling them to the guards. From Andersonville he was transferred to Charleston, South Carolina, and then to Florence stockade, where, February 28, 1865, he was exchanged and taken to Wilmington by ship and thence to Annapolis, Maryland. At one time he was laid out as dead among the corpses, but the men in charge, discovering that life was observable in him, took him to a hospital. At that time he weighed only one hundred pounds. Thus Mr. Haskin has had an unusual amount of experience in rebel prisons. He was granted a furlough home, but he never recovered sufficiently to return to army life. He was honorably discharged here in Minnesota, by a special order from the Adjutant of the State at St. Paul, June 14, 1865.

October 10, 1866, he married, came to Faribault county and took a homestead of 240 acres, which is now a very valuable farm. Here he has a good dwelling, surrounded by a grove of six acres and substantial farm buildings.

For his wife he married Miss Margaret Graham, a native of Hancock county, Ohio, and a daughter of James M. Graham, also a native of that State, and Susan Willford, also a native of the Buckeye State. She died April 8, 1895, at the age of eighty-one years. The father died at the age of fifty years. They came to Minnesota in 1854. They had eight children,—Catharine, George W. (a soldier in the late war), Campbell (also in the last war, in the heavy artillery), Margaret, John W., Elmer, Edna and Granville. Mr. Haskin, the subject of this sketch, has had eleven children, namely: Granville Monroe, who married Laura Harper; Ida M., who married Peter Bierie, and died December 27, 1893, leaving two sons,—Russell B. and Orley Peter, who are now living with their grandparents. The others are Orley C., Silas M., Aldebert E., Ady Amy, John W., William S., Edy Lee, Guy Riley and Ethel V.

Mr. Haskin is a Republican. He has been Supervisor, Assessor, Township Clerk, member of the School Board, and is now Justice of the Peace. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which religious body he is Steward and Sunday-school Superintendent. He is also a member of Ransom Post, No. 165, G. A. R., and of the A. O. U. W.

REV. GIDEON A. BURGESS, A. M., B. D., President of Parker College, Winnebago City, Minnesota, son of Albert Williams and Mary B. (Williams) Burgess, was born in Providence, Rhode Island, May 29, 1854. He was descended through both parents from Roger Williams, and by paternal descent from Rev. Samuel Winsor, father and son, who held the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Providence, 1732–71. For three generations of his father's family his ancestors have been prominent in politics, being several times elected to both houses of the Rhode Island Legislature. His father's cousin is Hon. Capt. Nelson W. Aldrich, LL. D., of the United States Senate.

He graduated at the Providence high school in 1874, Brown University in 1878, and at Cobb Divinity School, Lewiston, Maine, in 1881. He preached at several places in Maine, and at Lawrence, Massachusetts, was ordained in 1882, and held a pastorate of six years at Greenville, Rhode Island, where he married Miss Emma A.

Steere. He became pastor at Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 1, 1889, and eighteen months later was elected President of Parker College. In college he had marked ability in the mathematics and in the sciences. He is recognized as an able speaker and enthusiastic instructor, and a talented business manager and director. The college has had marked success under his presidency. He has held many important positions of usefulness and honor under his denomination, and is one the two authors of the Free Baptist Cyclopedia.

The Free Baptist denomination, through its representative assemblies and committees, co-operating with the citizens of Winnebago City, founded Parker College. In October, 1886, at Marion, Ohio, the Twenty-sixth General Conference of North America authorized the Western Association to "accept the aid of the citizens of Winnebago City and proceed at once to plant a college in the new West." Accordingly the Western Association at Waterloo, Iowa, in February, 1887, instructed its trustees to take action. The college was incorporated in May, 1887, with power to hold property and to confer the usual educational degrees. The forty acres of campus and the thirty acres of College Addition was the gift of Winnebago City. Of the $20,000 used in the erection of College Hall, $12,000 was the donation of the citizens. The fine brick building, with capacious, well lighted rooms, was dedicated in September, 1888, and the college began its noble work amid enthusiasm and cheers. Over one hundred were in its halls during the first year. In May, 1891, the endowment of the theological chair by the gathering of $15,000 met Mr. L. D. Parker's conditions, and the college received from that worthy patron as endowment real estate and money to the value of $40,000. Several thousand dollars in notes and money have also been received toward the endowment of the trustee's chair.

Parker College is located in Winnebago City, Faribault county, Minnesota, a thriving town of 1,500 inhabitants, without saloons, and with good church privileges, at the junction of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railways, insuring easy access from every direction. The city of Winnebago is near the State line of Minnesota and Iowa, and is about 150 miles each from Wisconsin and South Dakota. Within the radius of one hundred miles there is no similar institution of learning, while the population is very largely American, with large families of sons and daughters requiring education.

The wealth of the people is rapidly increasing, and the unsurpassed fertility of soil and healthfulness of climate contribute to the prosperity of the new institution. At a reasonable price it grants excellent facilities for commercial, normal, high-school, scientific and classical education. A large faculty of trained professors (each an expert), conduct thorough college branches, giving special attention to morals and religious culture.

SOLOMON MARTIN HOLMES, one of the pioneers of Lake Belt township, Martin county, Minnesota, was born in Exeter, Otsego county, New York, September 27, 1822, his parents being Isaac and Abigail (Galusha) Holmes.

Isaac Holmes, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Massachusetts, and died in New York State in 1842, at the age of

ninety-six years. He was a farmer by occupation, and was twice married, the father of Solomon M. being by his first wife. Daniel Galusha, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Holmes, was born and died in Massachusetts. He and his wife had six children: Abigail, Daniel, and four others whose names are not now recalled. Isaac Holmes, the father of our subject, was born in Williamstown, Massachusetts, February 12, 1781. He had three brothers, Clark, Seth and Wesley, and three sisters. He was a tanner by trade, but followed the occupation of a farmer the greater portion of his life. When a young man he went to Otsego county, New York, and in 1826 moved from there to Oneida county, where he purchased 117 acres of land. He died there December 17, 1852. The mother of our subject was born in Williamstown, Massachusetts, September 19, 1780, and died in Oneida county, New York, June 6, 1838. She and Mr. Holmes were married June 7, 1804, and a record of their children reads as follows: Phœbe, deceased, was the wife of Isaac Reed, and had a family of thirteen children; Harriet, deceased, was the wife of Emory Cole, a farmer of Otsego county, New York; Anna Maria, deceased, was the first wife of Emory Cole, and left one child, Clark; Betsey is the wife of James Mercer, of Cattaraugus county, New York, and has seven children; Clark, deceased, was the father of three children; Liza Ann, wife of A. Barnard, Rochester, New York, is deceased; Sarah is mentioned elsewhere in this work, in the biography of W. C. Alvord; Laura, deceased, was the wife of George Mugridge; Isaac Sylvester is married, has two children, and is living in Oswego county, New York; Solomon Martin, whose name appears at the head of this article; and Deloss, who died while in the service of his country during the late war.

Solomon M. Holmes spent three years in the West before locating here permanently. In July, 1854, he located land in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and remained there until 1859. In May of that year he came to Olmsted county, Minnesota, where he made his home until July, 1864, and at that time came to his present farm in Martin county. This place is located as follows: lots 3 and 4, and the south half of the northeast quarter of section 3, township 101, range 32, comprising about 160 acres, 105 of which are broken. His present residence was built in 1889; and we here state that about half of this farm is now owned by Mr. Holmes' son, Pliny.

Mr. Holmes was first married March 15, 1849, to Rachel Hester Turck, daughter of Charles and Magdalena Turck. Mrs. Holmes was born November 1, 1832, and died April 19, 1861. She was the mother of the following children: Mary Louisa, wife of W. C. Alvord; Isaac Charles, born March 12, 1851, is engaged in farming in Umatilla county, Oregon, he and his wife, *nee* Mary Faris, having five children; Enos Martin, born July 27, 1852, died September 17, 1869; Julia Ann, born April 14, 1854, married Sylvester Spaulding, and is living in New York State; William Henry, born April 20, 1856, is engaged in farming in this township, he and his wife, *nee* Annjennette Stallcop, having one child,—Mary; and Sarah Maria, born August 25, 1859, is the wife of John C. Somers, a farmer of Northfield, Minnesota, their children being Amy, Frederick and Herbert. March 26, 1863, Mr. Holmes married Miss Susan Jane Clark, daughter of Matthew and Samantha (Herrington) Clark. She was born in Collins,

Erie county, New York, April 10, 1829, next to the youngest in a family of nine. Following are the children of this second marriage: Pliny Clark, born January 27, 1864, has already been referred to as the owner of a portion of the home farm, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits; Albert Sylvester, born June 4, 1865, is farming in Martin county; Minnie Belle, born October 22, 1866, is the wife of Frank Zehrn, a farmer of this county, they being the parents of six children; George James, born July 7, 1869; and Edwin Eugene, born April 9, 1871.

MRS. CHARLOTTE McDONALD, who is living on section 12, Kimball township, is one of the most highly esteemed ladies of Jackson county, and in this volume, devoted to the leading citizens of the county, she well deserves mention. She was born on Prince Edward's Island on the 25th of July, 1833, and is a daughter of John and Catherine (Clark) Williams. Her father was born in the same locality, in the year 1789, and his wife's birth also occurred there in the year 1799. During the greater part of his life he followed the trade of carpenter and builder. When Mrs. McDonald was a child of four years the family removed to Canada, locating near the city of Toronto, where they remained for eight years, going, on the expiration of that period, to the borders of Lake Huron in western Canada. That was their place of residence until 1850, when they crossed the line into Grant county, Wisconsin, where the parents spent their remaining days, the father passing away there at the age of sixty-nine, while the mother survived until the advanced age of eighty-one. For many years they were both active members of the Methodist Church, and early instilled into the minds of their children lessons of truth and honor which have never been forgotten but have borne rich fruit as the years have passed. In the various communities in which they resided, the parents were always numbered among the most highly respected people.

Ten children were born to that worthy couple, of whom five are yet living, as follows: David Williams, who is now residing in Grant county, Wisconsin; Michael, who is located in Tuscola county, Michigan; Elizabeth, wife of Eleazer Southworth, a resident of Thetford, Canada; Barbara, wife of D. M. Woodman, of Sioux City, Iowa; and Charlotte, now Mrs. McDonald. The Williams family is of Scotch origin, and the grandfather, a native of Scotland, emigrated to Prince Edward's Island, where he died at a ripe old age.

The lady whose name begins this article spent her girlhood days in her parents' home, where she learned domestic manners and became familiar with the duties of a home. She gave her hand in marriage first to Asa De Hart, the wedding being celebrated in Wisconsin, in 1853. He died a few years later, leaving two children: Irene, now the wife of W. F. Wade, a resident of Kimball township, Jackson county; and Asa De Hart, who makes his home in the Badger State. Mrs. De Hart was again married January 5, 1860, in Cassville, Wisconsin, when she became the wife of Abner McDonald of that place, a native of Pennsylvania, born in the year 1827. He too was of Scotch lineage, the family having been founded in America by ancestors who crossed the Atlantic from Scotland in early Colonial days and located in the Keystone

State. Abner McDonald was a farmer by occupation and was numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of Fennimore, where the greater part of his life was passed and where he died in 1874, mourned by a large circle of friends as well by his immediate family. He left four children: Eugene, by a former marriage, who still resides in Fennimore; Frank, who now carries on agricultural pursuits in Kimball township; Ida, wife of R. C. Showalter, a resident of Lancaster, Wisconsin; and Charles, who is living at home with his mother and manages for her the home farm. He is an enterprising young man and his duties are faithfully discharged.

After the death of her husband Mrs. McDonald continued to reside in Wisconsin until 1885, when she purchased the farm upon which she now resides, a tract of 160 acres, to which she removed with her children. Soon after coming here she erected a commodious and pleasant residence, supplied with modern conveniences, and its fine appearance is both a credit to the owner and the community. A fine barn was soon after added to the other improvements on the place, and the farm is now one of the most valuable and desirable country places in Kimball township. Mrs. McDonald is a lady of culture, who has reared a family of children that do honor to her, and in her adopted county she has many warm friends.

FRANK A. WILLCOX, who resides on section 16, Winnebago township, Faribault county, Minnesota, is ranked with the successful farmers and substantial citizens of his community. A brief sketch of his life is as follows:

Frank A. Willcox was born in Wyoming county, New York, March 31, 1851, son of J. H. and Nancy (Capwell) Willcox, the former a native of Rhode Island and the latter of New York. His mother died in Wyoming county, New York, at the age of twenty-four years, and his father was afterward married again. When Frank A. was seven years of age the family moved west to Juneau county, Wisconsin, where they were living at the time the Civil war came on. The father left his family, composed of wife and three children,—Frank A., Nancy and Jennie May,—and entered the service of his country, going out as a member of a heavy artillery. He died while in the army.

In Juneau county, Wisconsin, the subject of our sketch was reared, receiving his education in the common schools. He went to Sauk county from there, and in 1875 came from Wisconsin to Faribault county, Minnesota. Here he bought eighty acres of land on the Blue Earth river, to which he has added by subsequent purchase until he is now the owner of 280 acres, one of the best farms in the county. It is well-watered by this river, and is therefore adapted for both stock and grain purposes; has good fences and farm buildings, and everything conveniently arranged for successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits in the most approved manner. He has one of the best barns in the township, it being 26 x 58 feet, with a shed on three sides, eighteen feet in width. He also has a house for his farm machinery, 24 x 44 feet; and two hog houses, one 14 x 44 feet, and the other 20 x 24 feet. His old residence, occupied until recently, on a natural building site, has just been moved away and a new dwelling is in process of erection on the same site. This is 26 x 16 feet in dimensions, with kitchen and woodshed 16 x 28

feet,—all to cost between $1,500 and $2,000. The furnishing of Mr. Willcox's residence gives evidence of culture and refinement.

Mr. Willcox married Miss Martha Lattimer, a daughter of F. James and Carrie (Moulton) Lattimer, natives of Canada, who came to this county in 1865. Mr. Lattimer also was a soldier in the late war, enlisting in the Eleventh Minnesota Volunteers, Company F, of which he was a member when the war closed. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox have four children, namely: Lulu B., Hugh E., Jay E. and Delia E. In his political views Mr. Willcox is in harmony with the principles advocated by the Republican party.

HALLECK K. RUE is now serving as County Commissioner of Jackson county, and is a prominent factor in her official and agricultural history. He is now successfully engaged in farming on section 30, Hunter township, and also devotes considerable attention to stock-raising.

He was born in Norway on the 21st of June, 1847, and is a son of K. H. and Becky Rue. The father emigrated to this country in 1856, accompanied by his family, and took up his residence in Iowa, where he lived until 1869, when he removed to Lyon county, Iowa. There he continued until 1884, the year of his arrival in Jackson county, where he is now living, at the age of seventy-six years, his birth having occurred in 1819. His wife also survives and the companion of his earlier manhood also is with him in his declining years. Their family numbered eight children, seven of whom are yet living, namely: Julia, wife of Martin Hanson, who is now living in Lyon county, Iowa; Mattie, wife of Alfred Bedient; Gilbert, who makes his home in Rost township, Jackson county; Halvor, a resident of Minneapolis; Albert, who also makes his home in Rost township; and Lizzie, wife of George Wallace, of Rockford, Iowa.

Under the parental roof H. K. Rue remained until eighteen years of age, and then started out in life to earn his living and provide for his own maintenance thereafter. He engaged in breaking land and also followed grain-threshing for some six years. When twenty-four years of age he removed from Iowa to Minnesota, locating on section 30, Hunter township, Jackson county, where he secured 160 acres of wild land, not a furrow having been turned or an improvement made. He possesses an unlimited supply of energy and determination, and from the beginning success has attended his efforts. As his financial resources have increased he has extended the boundaries of his farm, which now comprises 420 acres of fine land, lying convenient to the homestead. It is the visible result of honest, earnest toil, and makes him numbered among the most substantial farmers of Jackson county. From time to time he has added improvements in the shape of substantial buildings, including a commodious and tasteful residence as well as large barns and other necessary outbuildings, which are models of convenience. The owner successfully carries on general farming and has also for some time engaged extensively in raising sheep for the market. His efforts have been crowned with prosperity and his well-managed business interests have brought him a property which is one of the best in the county.

On the 18th of November, 1870, Mr. Rue was united in marriage with Miss Isabel Smabey, a native of Iowa and a daughter of

J. P. Kinsley.

Howel Smabey, whose family numbered five children, four of whom yet survive, as follows: Mary, now the wife of Nels Erickson, of Clay county, Minnesota; Lena, wife of Gilbert Rue, an agriculturist of Rost township, Jackson county; Olaf, who is living on the Pacific coast; and Mrs. Rue. The father of this family died in middle life, but the mother is still living. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rue and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death, the children being all under the parental roof. They are Hiram C., Benton O., Loring W., Almer B., Eda May, Milo, Lottie, Wilmer, Mable and the baby. The eldest is now engaged in teaching school.

Mr. Halleck has been quite a prominent factor in public affairs in the community in which he makes his home and is a public-spirited and progressive citizen who has always done much for the general welfare. He served as township Treasurer from 1871 until 1874, and during two years of that time was also Assessor. He is now and has been for the past five years chairman of the town Board of Supervisors, and for six years has been County Commissioner of Jackson county, discharging the duties of these various positions in a most satisfactory manner and reflecting credit upon both himself and constituents. He is a broad-minded, progressive man, whose sterling qualities are appreciated by his neighbors and friends throughout Jackson county, who repose in him the utmost confidence. This trust has never been betrayed, and he is certainly a man devoted to the best interests of the community, helpful in many ways. For many years he was an advocate of the Republican party, but in recent years has allied himself with the People's party in which he is a local leader, being now chairman of its county central committee. For the past sixteen years he has acted as the Postmaster of Orr post-office. In the various relations of life, whether as a farmer, as official, as friend or citizen, he has always been faithful and true, and upon his life work there is no mark of wrong or suspicion of evil doing.

JUDGE JOSIAH F. WINSHIP, Judge of the Probate Court of Faribault county, is now serving his second term in that office. His fitness and fidelity are so manifest that he receives the praise of all interested. His rulings are always wise and just,—the result of clear, logical thought and deliberate reasoning, and his official duties have but served to connect him the more closely with a county that already owes to him much of her progress. He has resided here since 1865, and in the years which have come and gone he has labored for the best interests of the community.

Judge Winship is a native of the old Granite State, his birth having occurred in Mason, Hillsboro county, September 29, 1839. He is the only child of Josiah and Sarah (Hunt) Winship, natives of Massachusetts, the former born in old Cambridge, the latter in Templeton. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Josiah Winship, was of English descent and a representative of one of the old Puritan families. His son and namesake was a farmer by occupation and the owner of a large landed estate in New England. A man of more than ordinary ability, his worth was recognized by his fellow citizens, who frequently called him to public positions of honor and trust. He represented his county in the General

Assemby and was a leading and influential citizen, his last days being passed in New Hampshire. The lady who bore the name of Mrs. Winship and became the mother of the Judge, was a daughter of Nehemiah Hunt, who was of English lineage and belonged to one of the old families of the Bay State. She attained the advanced age of ninety-three years, dying at the old residence of the Judge with whom she had so long made her home.

In the town where Judge Winship first opened his eyes to the light of day, his childhood days were passed, and in the district schools he conned his lessons until fourteen years of age. At that time he went with an uncle to southern Illinois, where he remained two years. On the expiration of that period he returned to his old home and for a time attended select school; but after two years we again find him in the West, this time remaining three years and completing his literary education in an academy at Platteville, Wisconsin. At the breaking out of the Civil war we find him once more in his New England home, offering his services in defense of the Union. Upon examination, however, he was rejected on account of disability, and for a time he engaged as clerk in a mercantile establishment at New Ipswich, being thus employed until 1865.

As before stated, Judge Winship became a resident of Faribault county in that year, settling in Winnebago City, which, though it bore the more important name, was yet a small village. Embarking in the mercantile business, he successfully carried on operations along that line for eight years, after which he sold out. Not long after, however, he once more opened a mercantile store and conducted the same for two years. His management of this institution and his fair and honest dealing and earnest desire to please his customers won him a liberal patronage. He also acted as agent for the American Express Company for many years.

The Judge has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Alice M. McKinstry, a daughter of Paul and Harriet (Lillie) McKinstry and a native of Bethel, Vermont. They had two children, namely: Fred W., who is now living in Duluth, Minnesota; and Pauline A. The mother departed this life October 13, 1870, and in November, 1872, Mr. Winship was again married, his second union being with Miss Ellen M. McKinstry, a sister of his first wife. This union has been blessed with two children: Carl, who died in infancy; and Louis C.

Judge Winship is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has held the office of Trustee since the organization of a congregation in Winnebago City. He has been connected with the Masonic order ever since 1862, at which time he was initiated into its mysteries in Bethel Lodge, New Hampshire. His membership is now with Blue Earth Valley Lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M.

In politics he is an uncompromising Republican, who supports the party without fear or favor, upholding its principles because he believes that they will promote the best interests of the country. During President Grant's first administration he was appointed Postmaster of Winnebago City, thus serving for a period of twelve years. He was also Town Treasurer for a number of years, and in 1892, without solicitation on his part, he received the nomination, by the Republican convention, for the office of Probate Judge, and was elected by a large majority, which indicates both his great personal popularity

and the belief of the public in his ability and fidelity. His administration of the affairs of the office showed that this confidence was not misplaced, and he discharged his duties so efficiently and acceptably that in 1894 he was nominated by acclamation, and was re-elected without opposition, being now the incumbent in the Probate Judgeship.

Judge Winship has that free and easy manner that makes him a favorite with all classes,—one of the most popular men in Faribault county; yet when the occasion demands it he has all the dignity that is usually witnessed in the reserved and reticent. His genialty never descends to levity, but always commands the respect of those with whom he has had dealings of any kind.

SIMON SCHROTBERGER, a farmer of Fox Lake township, was born in Ansbach, Germany, February 18, 1839, a son of Simon and Dorothea (Harrmer) Schrotberger. The mother died many years ago. The father was born about 1817, was twice married, and his death occurred in January, 1894. By his first marriage he had four children, namely: Stephen, of Germany; Margaretta, at home; Stephen Johannes; and Annie, who came to America in 1889, was afterward married and now resides in St. Paul.

Simon Schrotberger came to America with J. Stephan Schenline, and they located in Freeborn county, Minnesota, where our subject homesteaded eighty acres in section 24, Fox Lake township. He erected his residence in 1889, and has added 120 acres to his original purchase. In political matters, Mr. Schrotberger affiliates with the Republican party. He was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Germany on Easter, when thirteen years of age, and he is one of the original members of the church at Welcome.

November 6, 1876, in Freeborn county, by Rev. B. Y. Coffin, Mr. Schrotberger was united in marriage with Thressa Flagle, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They have had five children,—Bertha, born October 6, 1877, died in the spring of 1878; William, born December 1, 1878; Annie, April 15, 1880; Ella, January 26, 1882; and Frank, March 30, 1885.

CLINT ELLSWORTH is one of the self-made men of Minnesota and the success which has come to him is the just reward of his own labors. He is now vice president of the First National Bank of St. James, and also president of the Village Board.

He was born in Salem, Maine, on the 27th of May, 1848, and is the only son of Charles D. and Hannah (Clark) Ellsworth, who also were natives of the Pine Tree State. On the mother's side the ancestry can be traced back in direct line to the Clarks who came to this country on the Mayflower and settled with the Puritans in the Massachusetts colony.

When the subject of this record was a child of five summers he was taken by his parents to Green county, Wisconsin, where the father died when he was seven years of age: the mother passed away two years later. He then went to live with his uncle, Isaac Clark, in Trempealeau county, Wisconsin, and with him continued until sixteen years of age, at which time, roused by a spirit of patriotism, he offered his services to the Government. This was in the year 1864. He donned the blue and was as-

signed to Company K, Forty-sixth Wisconsin Infantry, which was attached to the Army of the Cumberland and with which he continued until after the cessation of hostilities. He was honorably discharged in November, 1865, and then at once returned to the Badger State and entered a school in Milwaukee.

On the 21st of June, 1866, Mr. Ellsworth became a resident of Minnesota. He made his first home in Winona, where he engaged in clerking in the general mercantile establishment of N. H. Wood & Company, continuing in the employ of that firm for two years. He then spent about a year in looking over the country in search of a favorable location, and in 1869 he secured a claim in Watonwan county,—a wild tract of land in Butterfield township, on which he located in the spring of 1870. After two years devoted to agricultural pursuits he sought and obtained a position as fireman with the St. Paul and Sioux City Railroad, and after four years he was placed in charge of an engine, since which time he has served in that capacity, there being but two who are his senior in years of continuous service on that line. For about eight years he has been in charge of the switch engine in the yards.

Various other interests and enterprises have engrossed the time and attention of Mr. Ellsworth. In 1881 he purchased an interest in the drug business of C. R. Bacon, the connection continuing for three years, when Mr. Ellsworth sold out to Mr. Bacon. In 1886 the former became manager of the railroad eating-house in St. James, which he managed for two years, never suspending, however, his work as an engineer. In 1891, in connection with others, he organized the First State Bank of St James, and served as its vice president until 1892, when it was merged into the First National Bank of which he was made vice president. Mr. Ellsworth is the owner of a fine farm of 160 acres in Nelson township, which he rents, has a half interest in a tract of 320 acres in Rosendale township, Watonwan county, and handles considerable realty and owns a number of business houses in St. James. Alert, watchful of opportunities for legitimate advancement, he has worked his way steadily upward, and his perseverance and energy have brought him a handsome competence.

St. James numbers him among her most valued and progressive citizens and has honored him with several public offices. In 1881 he was elected President of the village; in 1890 was again called to that office, serving for two years; was a third time elected in 1893, and again in 1894. He has at heart the best interests of the community and is unselfishly devoted to whatever will promote her welfare. For about five years he has served on the School Board, and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend. He is generous with his means for the general good, and St. James owes not a little of her prosperity and progress to his untiring efforts in her behalf. Socially he is connected with St. James Lodge, No. 96, A. F. & A. M., with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division No. 516, of St. Paul, and John A. Logan Post, No. 64, G. A. R., of St. James.

The lady who bears the name of Mrs. Ellsworth was in her maidenhood Louise Manning. She was born in Canada, is a daughter of Nelson Manning and became the wife of our subject in 1877. Two children have been born of this marriage, Frank F. and Stanley F. Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth

are people of prominence in this community and their many excellent characteristics have gained them the high regard of an extended circle of friends and acquaintances.

JOHN HENRY PEYMANN, an old and honored resident of the county, was born in Hanover, Germany, March 28, 1833, a son of Phillip and Maggie (Bargmann) Peymann. The father was twice married, and to the first union were born two children,—Henry and Maggie. Our subject came to America in the spring of 1889, locating first in Cook county, Illinois, where his sons were employed. He subsequently came with his son Fred to Fairmont, Minnesota, and the latter purchased land in Fraser township. In May, 1889, their home was destroyed in a prairie fire, and since then Mr. Peymann has resided with his son Henry.

September 22, 1864, he was united in marriage with Katrina Elizabeth Bruggemann, a daughter of Fred and Dorothea (Wenthaim) Bruggemann. The father departed this life in 1891, aged seventy-one years, and the mother, born May 28, 1821, died in June, 1882. They had two children,—Elizabeth, born June 8, 1841; and Maggie, born September 14, 1846, married Diedrich Hoper, in Germany, and they have had three children, Dora, Maggie and Annie (deceased). The children born to our subject and wife are: Fredrick, a farmer of this county, was born in Germany, July 26, 1865; Henry Lewis Albert, born in Hanover, Germany, June 1, 1869; Deidrich, born February 28, 1871, died when six months old; and Dorothea, born March 14, 1874, married John Schultz.

Henry Peymann left Bremen, Germany, August 8, 1884, and landed in New York city. He immediately joined his brother Frederick in Cook county, Illinois, where he worked for wages five years. March 20, 1889, he came to Martin county, Minnesota, where he farmed on rented land one year, and then purchased of Fred Muehlen the north quarter of section 24, Fraser township. March 15, 1892, he exchanged farms with B. E. St. John, and Mr. Peymann now owns the north quarter of section 14, which he has well stocked with horses, cattle and hogs. He is an intelligent farmer and an exemplary citizen.

RUDOLPH STUSSE.—A man who, coming as a stranger in a strange land, without any adventitious aid save that furnished by strong heart and willing hands, attains to success in life, is certainly deserving of honor and a place in such a volume as this at hand. The subject of this review is one who has thus proved his power to accomplish desired ends and to attain to a measure of success in life, and this without sacrificing his high sense of honor, or his regard for the rights and feelings of others. He stands today as one of the extensive and influential farmers of Martin county, and as such is entitled to consideration in this work.

A native of the brave little republic of Switzerland, Mr. Stusse was born in the canton of Glarus, on the 18th day of December, 1838, the son of Thomas and Catharine (Zueful) Stusse, the latter of whom was the daughter of Rudolph Zueful. The father of our subject died in September, 1847, aged about forty years; the mother passed away in May, 1863, aged fifty-six. They were the parents of the following chil-

dren: Thomas, who has never left his native land; Barbara, who died young; Anna, Kathrina, Agatha, Barbara (2d), Mary, Henry, and Rudolph, our subject. Henry came to America in 1859, remaining for a time, after which he returned to Switzerland for a visit. He came again to the United States in 1863, remaining here until the time of his death, which occurred in Philadelphia.

March 25, 1865, our subject embarked at Havre, France, and set sail for America, landing at New York, whence he proceeded to Cincinnati, Ohio, being employed on farms in the vicinity of that city for one year, after which he returned to New York with the intention of joining the King boys, old acquaintances, and going to California. He, however, lost the address of his friends, and consequently abandoned the trip to the Golden Gate. He next went to Cook county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farm work, later managing for five years a farm which he rented there. In the fall of 1883 Mr. Stusse had made a prospecting trip through parts of Minnesota, and in March, 1884, he came to Martin county and took possession of a farm which he had purchased,—the place comprising a tract of 200 acres on section 6, Fraser township. In 1886 he effected the additional purchase of the south half of section 1, Fox Lake township, and he now owns a total of 520 acres, of which 280 acres are under cultivation and ten acres in grove. His substantial and commodious residence was erected in 1892. The fine farm is well kept, and in every particular shows the discriminating care which has been given to its cultivation and improvement.

In his political relations Mr. Stusse supports the Democratic party and the principles by it advocated, and he has manifested much interest in public affairs of a local nature, lending his influence to furthering the growth and prosperity of the county. He has served as Treasurer of the School Board for eight years, and is a man much esteemed in the community.

On the 19th of May, 1867, Mr. Stusse took unto himself a wife, in the person of Miss Magdalen Staley, who was born in Switzerland, November 16, 1846, coming to America with her parents, Nicholas and Barbara (Herren) Staley. Our subject and his wife are the parents of ten children, namely: Louis, born September 8, 1868; Maria, born November 24, 1869, is the wife of John Grote; John, born September 23, 1871; Herman, January 19, 1874; Katie, October 4, 1878; Louisa, August 14, 1880; Rudolph, February 22, 1882; Frank, April 26, 1888; Albert, August 6, 1891; and Christian, September 10, 1893.

ALBERT KREJCI, of Minnesota Lake, was born in Bohemia, October 20, 1842, a son of Anton and Catherine (Mraz) Krejci, — their only child. He attended the common school until his parents decided to emigrate to America. Having but little means, they were obliged to stop on their way to Hamburg and seek employment in order to earn the means for proceeding on their journey. Leaving Hamburg in a three-mast sailing vessel, on which were 800 passengers, they were forty-five days on the sea, encountering some severe storms which created considerable fright.

Landing at Quebec, the father found it necessary to seek employment there, as he had not means to come farther West. His

trade was that of stone mason. Three weeks later the family proceeded to Prescott, and six weeks still later they went on by water to Hamilton, from which point they crossed the bay to Detriot, and came thence on to Chicago; arriving with only $3 in money, but a good supply of resolution and hope. After passing a winter in that city they went on to Rochester, Wisconsin, at which place the father, as he was unable to secure work at his trade, engaged in general farm work for four months, in order to provide for his wife and son, and from that time on he found work as a stone mason until winter. During the spring of 1856 he removed to Dubuque, Iowa, where he continued in mason work until failing health compelled him to seek a home elsewhere, after a four-months' residence there. Coming to Minnesota, they resided in Winona until the autumn of 1859, when the father pre-empted eighty acres of land from the Government about eighteen miles south of that city.

During the residence of the family in Winona, Albert, our subject, attended the public schools and became familiar with the English language. He can now speak four different languages and finds this ability of considerable advantage to him, as he has dealings with people of various nationalities.

In the spring of 1866 Mr. Anton Krejci sold his farm and removed to Faribault county, where he purchased a quarter of section 23, township 104, range 25,—land upon which no improvement whatever had been made. He at once began the development of a farm and continued to cultivate it until called from all labor to the state of eternal rest, at the age of seventy-nine years, and his remains lie buried in Danville cemetery. His wife had died some years previously, at the age of forty-seven. He had added to his first purchase another tract, of forty acres of rich land, and the farm thus increased was inherited by Mr. Albert Krejci. But to this Mr. Krejci has added 160 acres more, and besides has purchased 240 acres south of Wells.

But he has met with some severe losses, by fire and storm. May 3, 1870, lightning struck his granary, setting it on fire, causing a loss of grain and machinery to the extent of about $1,000. In 1890 he lost all his stables by fire, the loss aggregating $500, and June 13, 1892, all the buildings upon his premises were swept away by a cyclone, entailing a loss of about $5,000. When this storm came up it made the sky as dark as night. None of the men or older boys were at home, to assist in protecting the wife and six helpless children and the school-teacher, who chanced to be there at the time. Undertaking to run into the cellar they found it so dark that they could not see each other; the windows began to rattle; and the eldest daughter seized four of the children and started for the cellar door. It was a trap-door back of the stairs leading to the upper part of the house. Mrs. Krejci was following with a six-year-old girl, also the school-teacher. On reaching out to take the knob of the pantry door, the pantry was swept away from the main building, and the wind drew Mrs. Krejci and the child and the teacher out of the house altogether, and threw them across a pile of stone about twenty-five feet distant. After the storm was over Mrs. Krejci at first could not think where she was, seeming to herself to be miles away from home. The teacher was lying unconscious at the foot of the pile of rocks, bleeding from the mouth. The eldest daughter came from the wreck, which had been blown sixteen feet from the foundation, and

said to her mother, "We are all safe," when Mrs. Krejci began to realize where she was. The house was all torn to pieces excepting the west and north sides. During the following night a neighbor conveyed the sufferers to his house and cared for them; but Mrs. Krejci was so severely injured that she will never get over the effects. The teacher, though seriously injured, fully recovered. Mr. Krejci now has in his office a picture of the desolation and ruin wrought by that the severest cyclone that ever swept over this part of the State.

Undaunted, Mr. Krejci set bravely to work to repair the ravages inflicted upon him and recover his former standing. He has recently erected a comfortable residence and a good barn, and has extended his business interests until he is now one of the leading men in commercial circles, owning a number of the buildings in the town. He is a dealer in agricultural implements.

He has been Justice of the Peace, and for twelve years he was Assessor. Politically he is a Democrat; is a member of the A. O. U. W., being a charter member of the lodge at Minnesota Lake, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. For almost forty years he has resided in Faribault county, where he has always been known as a friend to the educational, moral and material interests of the place. In religion he is a Catholic.

December 5, 1868, Mr. Krejci married Miss Theresa Litchnegger, daughter of Joseph and Mary Litchnegger, a lady born in Austria July 2, 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Krejci have had the following children: Lena, now the wife of Charles Stephan, a farmer of Dunbar, Faribault county; Joseph, who is now pursuing a course in the business college of Mankato, Minnesota; Catherine, wife of Louis Kline, the popular baker of Minnesota Lake; Mary, Albert, Tracy and Anton,—all at home; and Frank, who died in infancy. Joseph is an expert with the rifle, by which he has killed the many fine birds which, mounted, now adorn the home and office of his father.

JOHN WILLIAM SHEAFFER, who is engaged in the grain business at Winnebago City, Faribault county, Minnesota, as manager of the Farmers' Warehouse Company, is one of the representative business men of the city.

He is a native of the Buckeye State, born in Scioto county, April 17, 1849, the only child of Samuel and Mary (Wait) Sheaffer, both natives of Pennsylvania. In 1850, Samuel Sheaffer, attracted by the discovery of gold in California, went to that State, where he died the following year. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Sheaffer took her young son and went to live with her father, Isaac Wait, who was then a resident of Scioto county, Ohio. When the subject of this notice was a boy of five years his grandfather came West with his family and settled in Rice county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming.

John W. Sheaffer remained with his grandfather until he was seventeen years of age, being reared to farm life and becoming familiar with all the duties pertaining to agricultural pursuits. His boyhood was passed much in the same manner as other farmer lads, midst work and play and in attendance at the public school during the winter months, where he acquired only a limited education. At the age of seventeen he began life for himself by working as a farm hand, and carefully saving his

earnings. In 1870 he married Miss Mina Hartman, who also is a native of Ohio, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Hartman. Her family came West to Iowa when Mrs. Sheaffer was only two years of age, and three years later settled in Faribault county, Minnesota, where she grew to womanhood. Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer commenced their married life on 160 acres of land on section 1, Nashville township, Martin county, which his mother had preempted under the homestead law of 1863. He continued farming and stock-raising there, with good success, until 1890, when he rented his farm and entered the employ of the above named company. Two years later he moved his family to the city and into the handsome residence which he had erected on Holly street.

Mr. Sheaffer's life thus far has been characterized by industry, perserverance and correct habits. As a business man he is painstaking and reliable, and his long service with this company is an evidence of his integrity. In all matters pertaining to the public good, Mr. Sheaffer takes a commendable interest and lends his support. Politically, he is a Republican, but not an office-seeker. He has, however, three times served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in Nashville township, and for a number of years served as School Director. Socially, he is a member of the M. W. A., and with his family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer have a family of four children, namely: Mary Althea, John Rutherford, Maud I., and Harry S.,—all at home and having the benefit of good educational advantages.

In 1863 Mrs. Sheaffer, the mother of this gentleman, married Mr. Sylvester Woodman, a farmer of Shelby township, Blue Earth county, Minnesota, and is now (1894) living in Pleasant Mound township, that county.

HANS OLSON, vice-president of the Citizens' Bank of St. James, was born in Sandfiard, Norway, September 18, 1848, the fifth of eight children born to M. O. Olson, who still resides in Norway, aged eighty years. Hans was reared in his native place. In 1868 he came to Winona, Minnesota, and in October, of the same year, he located in Watonwan county. In the winter of 1869 he settled on a farm in St. James township, of which he was the first resident, and remained there until 1894, extensively engaged in general farming and stock-raising, also in trade in agricultural implements, and coal and wood. Mr. Olson then removed to the village of St. James. From 1872 to 1877 he was also engaged in the butchering business in this city. In the spring of 1894, in company with F. H. Hangen and H. M. Serkland, Mr. Olson organized the Citizens' Bank, with a capital stock of $50,000, of which our subject is vice-president. In addition to his farm property he also owns two fine brick blocks, one 25 x 90 feet, on First avenue, and one on the north side, 45 x 80 feet. He has also three farms, one of 145 acres, one of 240, and one of 120 acres.

Mr. Olson was married in Norway, in 1868, to Ellen Huffland. They have had six children, namely: Ole H., who married Jennie Johnson; Dora, wife of Andrew Ask; Lewis, deceased; Lewis, deceased; Eddie, at home; and Oscar, deceased.

In political matters Mr. Olson votes

with the Republican party, and has held many of the offices of his township, and also served as a member of the Board of County Commissioners for six years. He is an active worker in the Lutheran Church, in which he has held the office of Trustee for many years. He has also belonged to the United Workmen for over sixteen years and is one of the charter members of Lodge No. 64, in which he has been Financier for four years and Guide for two years. Mr. Olson is the oldest resident of St. James township, and is one of its leading citizens.

JACOB VALENTINE KLEIN, a stock-dealer of Welcome, was born in Du Page county, Illinois, July 27, 1863, a son of Frederick and Caroline (Klein) Klein; although of the same name, they were not related. The father was born in Alsace, Germany, July 12, 1820, and the mother was born May 22, 1823. They came to America in June, 1851, locating in Du Page county, where they now own a half section of land in Downer's Grove township. They are the parents of the following children: Frederick, born March 9, 1855, is a farmer in Du Page county; George John, born August 20, 1858, is engaged in the same occupation in the same county; Jacob V., the subject of this sketch; Caroline, born November 15, 1868, married George Lehmann, clerk for Ward, Caldwell & Company, of Fairmont.

Jacob Valentine Klein began life on his own account at the age of twenty-one years, and rented land of his father for the following five years. He removed from Downer's Grove to Martin county, Minnesota, in October, 1888, and was engaged in farming until he removed to Welcome. He has purchased land from time to time until he now owns a farm of 640 acres, all in a fine state of cultivation and well stocked. He remained on that place until October, 1894, when he removed to Welcome, and, in company with George Goetz, embarked in the stock business, under the firm name of J. V. Klein & Company. He also has three acres in Welcome, on which are a barn completed and a residence in process of construction. March 1, 1894, Mr. Klein also took the agency of the Ward Machine Company, of Fairmont. He is one of the most progressive young men in Martin county. His farm, now occupied by a tenant, is provided with the finest buildings, all erected under his immediate supervision.

Mr. Klein was married April 26, 1887, to Margaret Seibert, born August 11, 1868, the eldest of nine children of Michael and Mary (Janzer) Seibert. Our subject and wife have four children,—Mary, born May 17, 1889; Arthur, April 12, 1891; George Frederick, February 13, 1893; and an infant son, Ervin Franklin, February 26, 1895. Mr. Klein is a member of the Lutheran Church.

AUGUST FERDINAND BARG, a farmer of Martin county, was born in Hanover, Germany, December 10, 1846, a son of Johann Cord and Elsie Maria (Reikemeyer) Barg. Grandfather Barg was twice married. To the first union were born two children, and by his second marriage he had four children,—William, Ludwig, John and one daughter. Johann Cord Barg was born April 16, 1808, and died April 1, 1871. He also was twice married. His first wife was, before marriage, Elsie Maria Reikemeyer, and they had

the following children: Henry, deceased in Holland in 1887; Lewis, the first of the family to emigrate to America, is a farmer of Martin county, Minnesota; William, deceased in Germany at the age of thirty years; Louisa married M. Schevenker, and both are now deceased; and August Ferdinand, the subject of this sketch. The eldest son, Henry, was overseer in a large distillery in Germany. He married a lady in Holland, and their living children are: John, Jacob, Petrolia and Mary. For his second marriage Johann Barg married Wilhelmina, a sister of his first wife, and they had five children, namely: Caroline, born November 12, 1849, married Henry Ledebur, a farmer of Fraser township, Martin county; Sophia, born August 9, 1854, was married in this country to Charles Tiess, a farmer of Fillmore county, Minnesota, and she died May 11, 1881; Minnie, born in 1853, married Henry Sudbring, and resides in Germany; Catherine, born in 1855, is deceased; and Mary, born in 1857, died at the age of fifteen years.

August Ferdinand Barg, the subject of this sketch, sailed from Bremen for America April 15, 1871, landing at New York May 1, following. He came direct to Fairmont, Minnesota, where he worked for wages two years, and in the fall of 1873 he purchased a farm in section 10, Fairmont township, and lived with his brother. After having his crop destroyed by grasshoppers four different times, he sold that place and spent five months in Kentucky, then traveled through Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, and in the fall of 1877 returned to Martin county, Minnesota. In the following year Mr. Barg purchased land on section 15, Fraser township, where he resided until coming to Fairmont, February 28, 1894. He has purchased two acres of land within the city limits of Fairmont, on which he erected a fine, large residence in 1894. In political matters Mr. Barg is independent, and in 1888 he was elected County Commissioner for two years.

May 1, 1878, at Fairmont, he was united in marriage with Miss Eva Wohlhunter, born December 22, 1852. They have had the following children: Lewis Phillip, born August 20, 1879; Elsie, born December 20, 1880, died in December, 1885; Ferdinand, born September 15, 1887, died in December, 1885; Edward, born January 30, 1889, died in December, 1890,—the above three having died of diphtheria in the same week; Fred and Ella, twins, born July 13, 1886; and Mary Ellen, born September 13, 1892.

PROF. C. A. BOSTON, a well-known and popular County Superintendent of Schools of Watonwan county, Minnesota, was born on a farm in Avon, Franklin county, Maine, on the 20th of September, 1846, and during his early boyhood attended the common district schools for eight weeks through the summer months and also during the winter season. After the age of twelve his services were needed for farm work through the summer months and he had opportunity to pursue his studies only in the winter season, continuing thus until sixteen years of age. In the meantime he had saved about $7 from his earnings, obtained by doing odd jobs, and he now secured permission from his father to go to the village and attend a select school there known as the High School. He worked on a farm near by on Saturdays and in the morning and evening, and thus man-

aged to pay his board, buy books and pay his tuition for two months. He was ambitious to learn, for he realized the value of an education and made the most of his opportunities.

Not long after this Professor Boston entered upon the work which he has followed during the greater part of his life,—school teaching. He taught his first school in the town of Freeman, during the winter of 1863–4. He was then only seventeen years of age and the school was a large one, composed of pupils of all ages and grades, but he successfully conducted it and the directors were so well pleased that they added to his term an extra month and increased his wages to $18, he having received only $15 for each of the three previous months. His own school life, however, was not over, and he entered the Normal School at Farmington in September, 1864, at which time the first normal school in the State was opened. Occasionally he was obliged to leave school and teach for a term in order to secure the necessary funds to meet his expenses, thus being three years in completing a two years' course. He was graduated in June, 1867, and soon afterward came to Minnesota.

Professor Boston had been engaged to teach in Goodhue county, where he taught during the winter of 1867–8. During the fall of 1868 he was selected by Prof. George M. Gage, president of the Mankato Normal of Mankato, Minnesota (his former teacher in the Maine Normal), to take charge of the model department of that school. At the end of one year he resigned that position to take up the study of Latin, which he continued under the instruction of a private teacher. During this time he pre-empted land near St. James or near the site of the city, for the place was then a thing of the future. The railroad was then completed to Mankato. In true pioneer style he spent the two succeeding years upon his claim. In 1870 he was appointed by the County Commissioner to the position of County Superintendent of Schools of Watonwan county, the salary being then only $100 a year, while the schools in the county numbered only nine. During the winters of 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, he taught in Goodhue county, and was also engaged by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to assist in conducting institutes and teachers' training schools in various parts of the State. He also taught in Wabasha county, and for two years was principal of the Galesville Graded School of Wisconsin.

On the expiration of that period Prof. Boston took up a different line of work, engaging with an historical publishing company and for two years traveled in Ohio, Kentucky and Maine, being assigned to a position on the historical corps. Tiring of this, he resumed teaching again in 1884, as principal of the schools of St. James, and continued in charge for two years with credit to himself and a satisfaction to all concerned. In 1890 he was elected County Superintendent of Schools, running as an independent candidate and winning only at the end of a legal contest, but his faithfulness and ability were soon recognized after he entered upon his duties, and in 1892 he was re-elected over two opposing candidates. In 1894 he was nominated by the Republican party and endorsed by the other parties, and with one exception received the largest number of votes cast for any candidate on the county ticket at that election. It did not take long for the people to recognize his special fitness for the position, and their confidence is demonstrated by his three

elections, each time by an increased majority. In his political views Mr. Boston is a Prohibitionist and cast one of the first three votes for that party in St. James.

The cause of temperance finds in Professor Boston a most stalwart advocate, and for ten years he has served as Chief Templar of the Independent Order of Good Templars. Whatever is calculated to uplift humanity and make the world better receives his support. He is a consistent and faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is now serving as Elder, and in the Sunday-school he has been Superintendent for about ten years. He ranks among the leading educators of the State and is a broad-minded, charitable man, whom to know is to respect.

In 1875 was celebrated the marriage of Prof. Boston and Miss Electa W. Bixby, a classmate in the Normal School. They have one daughter, Ada D., who is now teaching.

CHARLES HENRY FLETCHER is one of Martin county's representative agriculturists and resides on section 10, Westford township. He was reared as a farmer and throughout his entire life has devoted himself to the work of tilling the soil. He was born February 9, 1834, in Weymouth township, Medina county, Ohio, and is a son of Hiram and Meletta (Garnet) Fletcher, both of whom were natives of New York. Their marriage took place in the Buckeye State, whither Mr. Fletcher removed at the age of eighteen years. About 1835 he removed to Michigan and spent the next ten years of his life in that State and Indiana, after which he returned to Medina county, Ohio. In the year 1855 he removed to Wisconsin, locating on Rock prairie, near Milton Junction, where he made his home for three years. His last days were passed in Sheboygan county, and his wife also died there. While living in Ohio they lost two children, and had eight living at the time of the breaking out of the late war. Two sons fought in that memorable struggle between the North and South for the preservation of the Union on one hand, for its destruction on the other. Lewis D. died in front of Vicksburg, and Robert served until the close of the war. Five of the family are still living, namely: Robert, C. H., Mills, Lillie and Laura.

In the usual manner of farmer lads the subject of this sketch was reared, and in his younger years he learned the trade of carpenter. He remained with his parents till about thirty years of age, securing for them a home for their old age. His dutifulness thus manifested has characterized his entire life; no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed, but, true to every duty, the loyalty of his nature has brought him the unlimited confidence and highest regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

On the 18th of January, 1864, Mr. Fletcher married Sarah E. Chambers, a native of Canada and one of the six surviving children of Edward L. and Cynthia A. (West) Chambers, both of whom were born in Canada. In that country they were married and resided for forty years, removing thence to Wisconsin, locating in Sheboygan county. About twenty-five years ago he came to Martin county, settling in Westford township. The mother died in Blue Earth county, in 1884, and the father is still living, at the advanced age of eighty years. Their living children are John, Mrs. Fletcher,

George E., Jennie Blake, Henry and Mrs. Helen Pigman.

The year 1866 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Fletcher in Martin county, and he has since lived upon the farm which is now his home. At the time of taking his homestead it was all wild land,—an unbroken prairie, bearing little resemblance to the highly cultivated farm which now returns him bounteous harvests for the labors he bestows upon it. He had but little means when he came here twenty-eight years ago, but time and his labors changed this state of affairs and his enterprise and industry have brought him a well-deserved prosperity. He now owns 400 acres of highly cultivated land and his well improved farm is one of the best in the county. Although business interests have largely occupied his time and attention, his duties of citizenship have in no wise been neglected, he having ever been found ready to aid in every enterprise which is calculated to prove of public benefit or to promote the general welfare. He votes with the Republican party, and his fellow citizens, appreciating his worth and ability, have frequently elected him to office. He has twice served as Supervisor of his township, has filled the office of Justice of the Peace and is now Clerk of School District No. 77. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend, and he does much to advance its interests.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher has been blessed with four children, but one of the number, Willie L., died on the 11th of May, 1891, at the age of twenty-six years. Elmer, Fred and Edith are still with their parents; and Verna, an adopted daughter, now finds with them a pleasant home.

Our subject and his most estimable wife hold membership with the Freewill Baptist Church, and their earnest Christian lives are in harmony with their professions. The poor and needy find in them friends, the sorrowing receive their heartfelt sympathy, and to the bright and happy they add their own full measure of cheer. During their long residence in Martin county, they have won the highest regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact, and their friends are many. In the early days of their residence there, they went through all the experiences and hardship incident to life on the frontier and arduous labors devolved upon them. They had no capital to go on, and frequently the supplies of their household became quite limited. Mr. Fletcher has carried fifty pounds of flour upon his back from Shelby to his home, wading waist-deep in mud and water! He worked hard in the fields, and his wife labored no less hard to make the little pioneer home comfortable and attractive, proving to her husband a true helpmeet. In their declining years not only the consciousness of well doing is theirs, but prosperity has also come to them,—the just reward of honest toil.

GARRET HARRIS, a farmer of section 28, Waverly township, was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, April 28, 1850, a son of Daniel and Christiana M. (Long) Harris. The father was born in Middlesex, Vermont, July 30, 1806, a son of Samuel and Lucy Wakefield Harris, natives of Long Island, New York. The latter located in St. Lawrence county, that State, in 1807, and erected the first house in Lawrence township. The mother of our subject was born in Portsmouth, Massachusetts, December

30, 1818, a daughter of Jonathan and Submit Smead Long, the former born near Albany, New York, and the latter in Salisbury, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harris were married in St. Lawrence county, New York, and remained there until death, the mother dying October 15, 1891, and the father November 24, 1893. They had three children, viz.: Fannie, deceased, who was the wife of Luther Day; Mary G., the present wife of Luther Day, and they reside on the old homestead in St. Lawrence county, New York; and Garret, the subject of this sketch.

The latter remained on the home farm until twenty-two years of age, receiving an academic education at Lawrenceville, New York. In 1872 he came to Martin county, Minnesota, and four years later homesteaded his farm of 440 acres, all of which is in a good state of cultivation. Mr. Harris allies himself with the Democratic party. He has served as Supervisor of Waverly township six years, as Director of School District No. 54, and Road Overseer. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic order at Fairmont.

In 1879 Mr. Harris was united in marriage with Miss Blanche E. Francis, born in Dane county, Wisconsin, June 11, 1856, a daughter of Theodore D. and Helen M. (Nobles) Francis, both now deceased. They were among the pioneers of Dane county. Five of their children, four sons and one daughter, are still living. Mrs. Harris received her education at the Mankato State Normal, graduating in the class of 1877, and she afterward taught five terms. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have five children,—Helen M., born July 15, 1882; Theodore D., July 29, 1883; Paul A., December 10, 1884; Francis G., February 4, 1889; and Fannie L., January 5, 1892.

JOHN ROSTOMILY, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of La Crosse township, residing on section 4 (post-office Heron Lake), and born in the province of Mahren, Austria, November 8, 1862, a son of John Rostomily, Sr., a wealthy farmer of that township, who also is a native of that country and is now seventy-five years of age, owning over 700 acres of land, well stocked with horses and cattle. He married Josephine Valentine, also a native of Austria, and came to America in 1873, sailing from Bremen to Baltimore and being on the sea twenty-one days. He had ten children,—John, Josephine, Amelia, Joseph, Frank, Stephen, Peter, Anna, Richard and Carl.

John, who was eleven years old when he was brought to this country by his parents, being the eldest son, assisted his father in the improvement and cultivation of the farm, receiving his education partly in his native country and partly here. He is a fine penman, thus indicating that in business and public affairs he would be a very careful man. At the age of twenty-six years he settled upon his present farm, where he now owns 220 acres, with a dwelling 14 x 22, one and a half stories high, with an L 12 x 14 feet; also a good barn and other outbuildings.

October 16, 1888, is the date of his marriage to Anna Haberman, who also is a native of Austria, but reared and educated in this township. She is a daughter of Joseph and Victorine Etzler Haberman, natives also of Austria, who came to this country in 1874, settling in La Crosse township. They had ten children, namely: Anna, Frank, Amelia, Adelaid, Emil, August, Cecelia, Albert, Ida and Herman. The children in the family of the subject of this

sketch are Otto W., Henry G. and Anna Augusta.

Mr. Rostomily has always voted the Democratic ticket, and takes an active part in politics in his community. He has been Supervisor and chairman of the board for five years. He was a good officer, and has ever been a popular citizen, frank and genial.

ADONIRAM JUDSON FROST, a prominent farmer of Delafield township, Jackson county, was born in in Waldo county, Maine, in 1836, a son of Emery and Abigail (Pillsbury) Frost, natives also of that State. On the paternal side many of the descendants were soldiers in the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812. The mother descended from an old Massachusetts family. Emery and Abigail Frost had eight children,—Maria, A. J., W. W., Evaline, George, Emery and two deceased. The father died when our subject was nine years old. He was a farmer by occupation, was identified with the Whig party, and was a member of the Baptist Church. The mother and children located in Omro, Wisconsin, in 1846. She was married there to S. W. Jones, and they had two children,—Adaline and Edith. The mother departed this life at the age of sixty-nine years.

Adoniram J. Frost, the subject of this sketch, located in Wisconsin when ten years of age, and was reared there to farm life. October 4, 1861, he enlisted for service in the late war, entering the Eighteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Alburn and Captain Joe Roberts, and was honorably discharged December 2, 1862. He was taken prisoner at Pittsburg Landing, and was held in Macon, Georgia, and in other Southern prisons. After his discharge, he spent some time in the Mount Pleasant Hospital, at Washington, District of Columbia. Mr. Frost then returned to Winnebago county, Wisconsin, from 1865 to 1869 resided at Pilot Mound, Fillmore county, Minnesota, and in the latter year, with his wife and a few household goods, he came with ox teams to Jackson county. He immediately erected a cabin, made of logs and sod, but the latchstring always hung out, and all were made welcome to the humble board of the honored pioneer. Mr. Frost now owns 400 acres of the best land in the county, where he has a good residence, and all other necessary farm improvements.

October 24, 1867, at Pilot Mound, Fillmore county, Minnesota, by E. D. Hammer, now a State Senator, he was united in marriage with Jane McKeown, a native of Canada who was reared and educated in Illinois. Her parents, James and Jane (Higgins) McKeown, were born in Ireland, but were reared in Canada. They were the parents of seven children,—Elizabeth, Jane, Maria, Ann, John, William and George. The mother died in Fillmore county, Minnesota, at the age of seventy-nine years, and the father is still living, aged seventy-two years. He is a farmer by occupation, is a prominent worker in the Republican party, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Frost have had six children, viz.: Emery, a successful teacher of this county; Edgar, also a popular teacher; Walter, Bertie, Guy, Benjamin, Eva, deceased at the age of two and a half years; and George, who died at the age of eleven months.

In his political relations, Mr. Frost acts

J. B. Barnes.

with the Republican party, and he has held the office of Justice of the Peace. Religiously, he is a member of the Baptist Church.

JOHN BERIAH BARNES, a farmer of section 27, Center Creek township, Martin county, was born in Franklin county, New York, January 8, 1829, a son of Charles H. Barnes, also a native of that county. His father, John Barnes, was a native of Connecticut, but was among the early pioneers of New York, and was a farmer by occupation. He was of English descent. The mother of our subject was formerly Salley Hoyet, a native of Franklin county, New York, and of English descent. She was one of twelve daughters. Charles H. and Salley Barnes were the parents of eight children, six sons and two daughters.

J. B. Barnes, the second child and second son in the above family, remained in his native place until 1857, when he located twenty miles west of McGregor, Clayton county, Iowa, from 1861 until 1865 resided in Mower county, Minnesota, and then purchased the claim where he now lives in Martin county. He first erected a slab shanty, and immediately began the improvement of the place. Mr. Barnes now owns 320 acres of the best land in Center Creek township. In political matters, he affiliates with the Republican party. He has served as Justice of the Peace, as Chairman of the School Board, and is now Township Treasurer.

Mr. Barnes was married in 1853, to Electa Lee, daughter of Russell and Amanda (Doud) Lee, and a native of Franklin county, New York. The have four children, namely: Mary, wife of G. F. Andross; Alice A., wife of H. M. Park, of Center Creek township, Martin county; Jennie, wife of O. E. Park, a prominent farmer of this locality; and George H., also of Center Creek township, married Ida Mapson. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

S. M. RICHARDS, a prominent farmer of Jackson county, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, February 14, 1851, a son of Israel and Eliza (Scott) Richards, natives also of that State. The mother was a daughter of Robert Scott. Soon after their marriage Israel Richards and wife moved to Defiance county, Ohio, where the former died at the age of sixty-two years. He was a farmer by occupation, was prominently identified with the Republican party, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The mother still resides in Defiance county. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Winfield S., William S., S. M., Israel, Akin M., Mattie and Elliot H.

S. M. Richards, the subject of this sketch, was reared on an old Ohio farm. He lived in Defiance county until 1881, and then spent four years in Ford county, Illinois, engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1885 he came to Jackson county, Minnesota, where he now has a large and well improved farm. In his political relations, Mr. Richards allies himself with the Republican party, and he has served as Justice of the Peace and as Treasurer of the School Board.

January 1, 1875, he was united in marriage with Ella Lower, who was born, reared and educated in Ohio, a daughter of John and Catherine (Crites) Lower, natives also of that State. The father is engaged in the drug business. They have three children,—Ella, Gilbert and Belle. Mr. and Mrs.

Richards have two children,—Orton Reed, born October 13, 1875; and Arthur Penn, born October 13, 1880. Mrs. Richards is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is an active worker in the Sunday-school.

R. R. JONES is numbered among the native sons of Jackson county, Minnesota, and is a representative of one of the early families of the locality. His father, John J. Jones, is numbered among the pioneer settlers of this region and is yet an honored and respected citizen, making his home in Heron Lake.

R. R. Jones was reared at his parental home,—the days of his boyhood and youth being quietly passed, unmarked by any event of special importance. He acquired his education in the public schools of the county and has always been interested in educational matters. He was an apt scholar, taking great interest in his studies, and since he has arrived at man's estate he has devoted his time and energies to teaching. He has the happy faculty of imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge he has acquired, and is most successful in his chosen field of labor. He was educated in both the German and English languages and was quite proficient in the latter, for he is of German lineage.

The community in which Mr. Jones lives owes much to him for what he has done in behalf of the schools. Their excellence may be largely attributed to his earnest labors, for he does all in his power to advance the cause of education. It is said that any man may win success in life if he will but follow the calling for which nature intended him. If success is a criterion we can safely say that nature intended Mr. Jones for a school-teacher.

He is also recognized as a valued citizen of the community, and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office, he having served in nearly every official position in the township. He is progressive and public spirited, and the best interests of the community ever find in him a friend. He has spent his entire life in Jackson county, and with his little family still resides in La Crosse township.

BERNHARD BIERI, one of the honored and representative business men of Wells, Minnesota, has for some years been connected with this city, and its commercial interests have been largely advanced through his efforts. He is now the senior member of the firm of Bieri & Gohde, dealers in agricultural implements, and is secretary of the Clark Star Creamery Company, which operates one of the leading industries of the city. His wide-awake and progressive spirit and his enterprise and industry go to make up a citizen that would be an important addition to any community, and it is with pleasure that we present the record of his life to the readers of this volume.

A native of Switzerland, he was born in Brienz, on the 4th of October, 1858, and is the eldest in a family of seven children, whose parents were Bernhard and Margaret (Amacher) Bieri. In his young years the father learned the baker's trade, and, as soon as possible, opened a small bakery of his own, which he conducted with considerable success, enlarging his facilities to meet the growing demand. He has also branched

out along other lines of trade, and to-day is the owner of a large mercantile establishment, while in the neighborhood where he resides he is numbered among the substantial citizens. He has reached the age of fifty-nine, but is still actively engaged in the management of his business affairs. His estimable wife, who has shared with him in the sorrows and joys of life and now rejoices in his successes, has also reached the age of fifty-nine. It has been their endeavor to provide their children with good educational privileges and thus fit them for life's duties, and as they have mastered the branches taught in the common school they have placed before them the means of obtaining a higher education. The children are Bernhard, whose name heads this record; Peter, who has made a special study of dairying, is now a successful business man of Buffalo Center, Iowa, where he conducts the Buffalo Center Creamery, and has also leased and is conducting another large plant known as the Lincoln Creamery; Margaret is the wife of G. H. Steinhauer, a substantial farmer of Foster township, Faribault county; Elizabeth became the wife of John Fischer, and died at the age of twenty-three years; Frederick came to this country and located first in Bremer county, Iowa, after which he removed to Faribault county, Minnesota, where for five years he followed agricultural pursuits, much of the time being on the farm of his brother Bernhard; he then returned to the Fatherland, where he is still living; Anna still resides with her parents; and Gottlieb, the youngest, is also an inmate of the parental home.

Bernhard Bieri received a college education and then engaged in teaching for one year, after which he was called into military service, remaining in the army for six months. When very young his father had apprenticed him to the mercantile business under his immediate supervision, hence his educational, business and military training combined to fit him for almost any work in life. On leaving the army he determined to try his fortune in the New World, and on the 8th of May, 1880, bade adieu to home and friends and sailed for the United States from Havre, France, the steamer bound for New York. On the 1st of June he reached La Crosse, Wisconsin, with a cash capital of only $20, but possessed a resolute purpose to make the best of life and to win success if honest labor and persistence could accomplish it. He soon secured work as a farm hand, in which capacity he served for six months, when he came to Menominee, Wisconsin, obtaining there a position as scaler for the firm of Knapp, Stout & Company, with whom he continued until 1884. That year witnessed his arrival in Faribault county, Minnesota. He obtained a position on the farm of Clark W. Thompson, and remained there until 1891, when he purchased 280 acres of land on section 25, Walnut Lake township, and on section 30, Clark township. It will thus be seen that his dream of gaining a competence was no longer a vision, but was becoming a reality.

Shortly after this Mr. Bieri began operating a creamery in the town of Clark, about three miles south of Wells, which was incorporated under the name of the Clark Star Creamery Company, the first successful separator creamery in Faribault county. The officers of the company are Henry Brandt, president; John Niebuhr, treasurer; and Bernhard Bieri, secretary. Mr. Bieri manages the creamery, which is one of the paying industries of the locality, and in addition to this and his farm he is the owner of the ag-

ricultural implement store in Wells, situated on Second street, in connection with H. C. Gohde. They have a large warehouse, erected in the spring of 1895, 24 x 62 feet, with an addition 24 x 12 feet, and twelve-foot posts.

On the 4th of July, 1881, Mr. Bieri was united in marriage with Miss Anna Eliza Schild, a companion of his boyhood and a most estimable lady. She was born in the same village as her husband, December 15, 1858, and the wedding took place in Menominee, Wisconsin. They have seven children: Maggie, who was born in Menominee; John, Elsie, Anna, Bernhard, Clara and Frederick are all at home with their parents. The family circle is still intact, unbroken by the hand of death, and throughout the community these worthy people are highly esteemed.

Mr. Bieri has held nearly every office within the gift of the people of his township, been officially connected with the schools, has been side Supervisor and Chairman of the Board, and also Assessor of the township. He is not an aggressive politician but espouses the principles of the Republican party and has voted for all State and national candidates on that ticket since casting his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine in 1884. Socially he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and of Doric Lodge, No. 87, F. & A. M. The members of the family are connected with the German Reformed Church.

Coming to this country a poor man, dependent entirely upon his own resources, Mr. Bieri has steadily worked his way upward, overcoming the difficulties and obstacles in his path, and now a handsome competence rewards his labors. It is astonishing to witness how men of foreign birth come to this country and take on the customs of the New World, adapting themselves to their altered surroundings, and with what quickness they take advantages of opportunities, using all honorable means for advancement. This Mr. Bieri has done, and the county may well be proud to number him among her citizens.

OWEN STAPP, one of the representative old settlers of Watonwan county, locating here in 1870, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, September 18, 1844, a son of J. D. Stapp, a native of Kentucky and a son of Eli Stapp, a native also of that State and for many years a slaveholder. The family is of German origin. Eli died in Indiana, at an advanced age. J. D., the father, was a miller, in both saw and grist mills, and with both water and steam power. He is now living in Somerset, Nebraska, seventy-five years of age; his wife died in Indiana in 1869.

Owen is the eldest of the five children of his parents, the others being R. E., Susan Henshaw, Fannie Styles, S. T., and Carrie, who died at the age of fifteen years. He was brought up on a farm and at milling, both in a saw and a gristmill, receiving some education in the public schools. In 1868 he moved to Ripley county, that State, and in 1870 to St. James township, Watonwan county, this State, taking the claim which he now owns.

At the age of twenty-five years he married, in Ripley county, Indiana, Miss Maria Brandon, a native of Switzerland county, Indiana, and a daughter of William and Mary (Sweougen) Brandon; both her parents passed their lives in Indiana, having had

seventeen children,—John, Berkley, Millie, Susan, Van Ness (a soldier in the late war), Joseph, Polly, Priscilla, Maria, Novey, Mary J., Joanna, Amos, Ebenezer, William H., and two who died young.

Mr. and Mrs. Stapp have had seven children, namely: Minnie Frances, who grew up and became a successful teacher and died at the age of twenty-five years; Mary Allie, who became the wife of Albert Forsyth of this county; Leonora, Alonzo, deceased, Von Alfred, Milton H., and Ida Pearl.

With reference to political matters, Mr. Stapp is a Republican. He has been Assessor, Town Clerk and member of the School Board for over twenty years. Mrs. Stapp is a member of the Baptist Church, as are also the three children.

DANIEL ARMSTRONG, one of the early settlers of Easton and Faribault county, Minnesota, was born in Troy township, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, August 27, 1842. He is the youngest of the three daughters and two sons of Daniel and Anna (Fadden) Armstrong, a brief record of his brothers and sisters being as follows: Andrew Jackson Armstrong, the eldest of the family, is one of the pioneers of Minnesota, and is now living retired at Delavan, this county, where he recently erected a modern home. Mary Jane is the widow of Mr. E. Platt and resides in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania. Louise Ann married Louis Dillinger, a gardener of Titusville, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth is the wife of Charles Stafford, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, his trade being that of a stonemason and brick-layer. The parents were members of the Methodist Church and were devoted Christians. Both have long since passed away.

Daniel Armstrong spent the first six years of his life on his father's farm. He then went to live with the family of Mr. George Higgins, with whom he remained until he was fourteen, and while there attended school in a log schoolhouse that was two miles away. He afterward lived with relatives and was variously employed in different places. In the meantime his mother married again, and he worked for his stepfather, Thomas McGarvey. Afterward he worked at the blacksmith's trade a short time, and from that turned his attention to carpentering. Still later he was engaged in sawmilling, and in that venture lost all he had, the mill being washed away by the high waters. Next he carried on farming, all this time remaining in Pennsylvania. Finally he engaged in the oil business, and in the interest of an oil company made a trip to Chicago. He was personally acquainted with "Coal Oil Johnney," John Steele. Afterward he worked at the trade of carpenter in Chicago, and then for two years had charge of an engine house at Des Plaines, Illinois. From there in the spring of 1878 he came to Minnesota, landing at Mankato on the 8th of April. He has been engaged in farming in Faribault county ever since, with the exception of two years when he was a resident of Easton.

Mr. Armstrong was married in 1863 to Miss Margaret Keer, who was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, in 1843, daughter of George Keer. She died in 1865, leaving two children, viz: Elizabella Elizabeth, who died at the age of seven years, and Anna Maria, wife of Albert Ault, a farmer of Clarion county, Pennsylvania. June 25, 1871, Mr. Armstrong married Miss Mary A.

Costello, daughter of James and Dora (Turner) Costello. She was born in Des Plaines, Cook county, Illinois, May 5, 1855, her parents having emigrated to that place from the Emerald Isle in 1854. Mr. Costello took an active part in the construction of the Wisconsin division of the Northwestern railroad. Her brother, W. M. Costello, has been conductor on this road for many years, his residence being in Des Plaines. Her father and mother died there some years ago. Mr. Armstrong and his present wife have had three sons and three daughters, five of whom are living, namely: John, born March 17, 1872, and residing in Easton, this county; Mary Ann, born May 4, 1875, and now the wife of J. Leaky, a farmer of Lura township, this county; Dora Ellen, born June 25, 1877; William J., December 14, 1880; and Martha Margaret, June 20, 1894. The daughters are all musicians, William J. being also an accomplished violinist. One child, named William, died in infancy, in 1874.

Mr. Armstrong takes a commendable interest in local affairs, and has served on the township board as Trustee for many years. At one time he was elected a Justice of the Peace, but failed to qualify. He cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln, and has allied himself with the Republican party ever since.

HENRY OLE FREDERICK OLSAN, who for the past year has been conducting a saloon in Jackson, is a native of Denmark, born April 15, 1858, and is a son of Nels and Louisa Olsan. He is third in a family of six children: Fredericka, who died at the age of eighteen years; Alita, who still resides with her parents in Denmark; Henry O. F., of this sketch; Birgette, who died at the age of twenty years; Louis, now assisting his brother in the saloon, and who was for some years with the Pinkerton Detective Agency; and Carl, who died at the age of twenty years. The father of his family, Nels Olsan, was born August 24, 1819, in Denmark. When still in his 'teens he spent three years in the piano factory of Hornug & Miller, the famous Danish piano-makers. For a period of sixteen years he was in the Danish cavalry and served in the war of 1848. After the conclusion of hostilities he was decorated by the king with the Cross of the Legion of Honor. In the military and police departments of his government he served fifty long years, at the expiration of which time he was retired on a pension. His career has certainly been an honorable one, and several times he was honored by his sovereign. He is now in the seventy-sixth year of his age and is well preserved and in possession of all his mental faculties. The good Christian mother of this family was born in Schleswig-Holstein, October 24, 1821, has now reached her seventy-fourth year and is a well preserved lady. She is a devout member of the Danish Lutheran Church, in which she has always borne an honorable part.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his native town and received a good common-school education. He was apprenticed in a hardware store, where he spent five years, then took a course in book-keeping, after which he kept a set of books for about three years. At the age of twenty-two he bade farewell to home and native land and set sail from Bremen to New York, on the White Star line steamer Baltic, arriving at

New York after a voyage of two weeks. He continued his journey west to Omaha, Nebraska, where he arrived on the 15th of March, 1879. Securing work from the Union Pacific Railroad, he remained with that company for about a year and a half, then returned to Omaha and secured employment from Soren Nielsen. There he became acquainted with and wedded Miss Meta Nielsen, daughter of his employer. The wedding took place at the home of the bride December 4, 1881. When Mr. Nielsen emigrated to Jackson county, Minnesota, in 1884 Mr. Olsan accompanied him. Here he has since resided. To Mr. and Mrs. Olsan five children have been born: Louise, born June 9, 1883, in Omaha, Nebraska; Meta, who died in childhood; Carl, born in Jackson September, 1885; Meta; and Alida, born May 30, 1892.

Politically Mr. Olsan is a Democrat and is an active worker in the party. He has served as delegate to several State and county conventions, but has never sought public office. He is a member of Good Faith Lodge, No. 90, F. & A. M. The family are members of the Danish Lutheran Church.

HERMANN HEINRICH SCHUELER.—Germany has furnished to Martin county many of its leading agriculturists, men who have aided in the development and progress of this region and demonstrated their loyalty to their adopted country by faithfully discharging their duties of citizenship. Among this class is the gentleman whose name heads this review, and the record of his life will doubtless prove of interest to many of our readers and may serve to encourage others who have the same difficulties to meet in life, demonstrating to them that success may be achieved by those who strive diligently for it.

Mr. Schueler was born in Pommern, Germany, December 8, 1858, and is a son of August Ludwig and Wilhelmina (Strey) Schueler, who were natives of the same land. With his parents he came to America, and under the parental roof he remained until twenty-four years of age. Ere this time, however, he began working for others, and his wages went to his father to aid in support of the family. He was married February 27, 1883, in Monee, Will county, Illinois, to Miss Bertha Roeglin, the wedding ceremony being performed by the Rev. Heinrich Stahlin. Her parents, William and Caroline (Poelin) Roeglin, never left Germany, spending their entire lives in that country. The father died in the fall of 1888, at the age of seventy-two years, and the mother departed this life in the spring of 1871. Mrs. Schueler was born May 12, 1859, and was the third in a family of seven children. She came to America November 11, 1881, accompanied by her cousin, Amelia Roeglin. The other children of the family were Amelia, August, Carl, Alvina, Ernestina and William. The last named served his full time in the army and came to America in June, 1891.

To Mr. and Mrs. Schueler were born two children,—Emma, born June 15, 1884; and Minnie, who was born May 13, 1889, and died September 7, 1892. The parents have a wide acquaintance throughout this community and the excellencies of their character have gained for them the esteem of many friends.

Upon his marriage Mr. Schueler began farming in his own interest, renting eighty acres of land in Will county, Illinois, of

Peter Conrad. On that farm the young couple began their domestic life, and he continued to cultivate that property until the 27th of February, 1886, when he came to Martin county. He rented a quarter section of land of Solomon King, on section 13, Lake Belt township, and on section 18, Tenhassen township. The latter he leased for five years, and when he purchased land he leased it to his brother. On the 29th of October, 1888, he bought his present farm of George Mochel. It was improved with the present residence and a granary, but the other buildings have been erected by him. He takes great delight in making his farm one of the best in the neighborhood, and has succeeded in this undertaking, having now a valuable and desirable property, pleasantly and conveniently located. In 1892 he built a fine large barn, keeps the latest improved machinery, and well kept fences divide the place into fields of convenient size. His stock numbers eighteen head of cattle, fifty-four head of hogs and nine horses. The farm comprises 160 acres on section 14, Lake Belt township, and he located thereon March 10, 1889. He also bought eighty acres adjoining his first purchase, and of the 240 acres, 170 acres is under a high state of cultivation, while twenty acres is covered with a lake, and there is also a grove of two acres. His life work has been farming and stock-raising, and he has done well along this line. In not the least degree is indolence found in his composition; on the other hand enterprise is numbered among his chief characteristics, and perseverance well supplements this. He has a worthy ambition tempered by a safe conservatism, and through the legitimate channels of business he has guided his bark to success.

HERMANN GUSTAV FRANK SCHMIDT, a representative farmer of Lake Belt township, Martin county, is the owner of 240 acres of land, of which 120 acres is under the plow and yields to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation which he bestows upon it. The record of his life is as follows:

A native of Pommern, Germany, he was born on the 6th of January, 1854, and is a son of Lewis and Amelia (Buholtz) Schmidt. The father of our subject was born in Germany on the 24th of August, 1821, and is now living with his son Hermann. His wife died February 7, 1868, at the age of forty-three years. The children of their marriage were: Minnie, who was born November 10, 1847, became the wife of William Zeck, a farmer of Kit Carson county, Colorado, and to them have been born five children,—Hermann, Charles, Frederick, Lena and Anna. Augusta, born August 12, 1851, is now the wife of Frank Panlang, an agriculturist of Texas, and their children are August and Rineholdt. Hermann follows in the order of birth. Matilda, born June 1, 1860, is the wife of Martin Wenger, a painter by trade, residing in Kansas, and they have five children.

In the land of his nativity Mr. Schmidt, whose name introduces this record, spent the first nineteen years of his life, and its public schools afforded him his educational privileges. With his father, brothers and sisters, he left the old country May 28, 1873, on a steamer bound for America. Several years previous William Zeck, the husband of his sister, Minnie, had crossed the Atlantic and located in Kankakee, Illinois, whither the family went, and there our subject remained until his removal to Minnesota. He earned his living by working as a farm hand, and

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hoping to better his financial condition he came to the State which is now the place of his abode. On the 1st of April, 1885, he reached Martin county and located on a farm in Jay township, owned by Moses Detrinne. Soon afterward he purchased the west half of the southwest quarter of section 13, Lake Belt township, of Albert Kately, and moved to that farm in the fall. He at first lived in a small house, but in 1888 it was replaced by his present commodious and comfortable residence. In 1891 he purchased the southwest quarter of the same section of E. F. Earl, and therefore is the owner of three adjoining eighty-acre tracts. On his farm is a grove of three acres; good fences, substantial buildings, the latest improved machinery, and well tilled fields represent his careful supervision and his progressive spirit, which is in no way behind the times. The place is stocked with nineteen head of cattle, thirty-five hogs and six horses.

The lady who now bears the name of Mrs. Schmidt was in her maidenhood Ida Matilda Adeline Schueler. She was born February 4, 1854, and the marriage was celebrated March 4, 1875. The children born of this union are: Minnie Augusta Matilda, who was born December 29, 1876, was confirmed at Welcome, Minnesota, March 30, 1890, by the Rev. C. G. Eisenberg; Helena May, born September 12, 1878, was confirmed in Welcome by the same minister, April 10, 1892; Mary Ann, born September 6, 1880; Otto Albert, born October 23, 1882; Hermann Gustav, born June 15, 1884; Matilda Bertha, born June 24, 1886; Martha Emma, who was born September 11, 1888, died June 14, 1892; Lena Amelia, born June 5, 1890; Augusta Lena, born April 5, 1893. The parents of this family are also faithful and consistent members of the Lutheran Church, Mr. Schmidt having been confirmed April 12, 1868, at Soltnetz, Germany, by the Rev. Konnengiszer. In the years of his residence in Martin county he has always lived so as to win the confidence and respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact, yet he makes no pretensions, and it is probably his plain and unassuming manner that has gained him the esteem of his many friends.

HON. JAMES McHENCH, of Fairmont, Minnesota, was born in Schoharie county, New York, March 10, 1824, of Scotch lineage. His grandfather, John McHench, who was the first of the family to come to America, emigrated from Scotland in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and fought for American independence during the seven years' struggle with Great Britain. His father, William McHench, was born in Massachusetts, and later moved to New York State, where he married Anna Ferguson, a native of Otsego county. They settled in Schoharie county, and had nine children, six of whom grew up to the age of maturity, and four of the number are now living, viz.: James, the subject of this sketch; William, a physician of Brighton, Michigan: Andrew, of Fargo, North Dakota; and Emma, wife of Dr. D. M. Leonard, now residing at the old McHench homestead in New York. Like her husband, Mrs. McHench was of Scotch descent. Both parents were members of the Christian Church. Mr. McHench was first a Whig and afterward a Republican, and was prominently identified with local affairs, for years serving as Overseer of the Poor, and also filling other town offices. He saw service in the war of 1812, and

commanded a company of infantry on Long Island. He was a man of sterling character and was a leader in whatever community he resided, and his memory is revered by all who knew him.

Mr. Mr. McHench, whose name introduces this brief sketch, availed himself of the limited public-school advantages that his country home afforded. He began teaching at an early age, and for fifteen consecutive winters followed this calling, residing during this time in his native county. In 1856 he moved West, to Plainview, Wabasha county, Minnesota, where he located a Government claim, built a small shanty thereon and later secured a title to the place. He gradually added to this property until his farming interests in this locality became extensive.

Mr. McHench moved to Martin county, this State, in 1879, and, purchasing a large tract of land in Manyaska township, engaged in farming and stock-raising on a large scale. He personally superintended this business until his election as County Treasurer four years later, when he removed to Fairmont, which place he has since made his permanent residence.

He was married, in 1889, to Miss Nellie E., daughter of Reuben G. and Susanna B. Daniels, of Waterloo, Indiana, her parents being pioneer settlers of that locality. They have two adopted children,—Gladys and Willie. Both Mr. and Mrs. McHench are members of the Congregational Church of Fairmont. Mr. McHench is a member of the board of trustees, while his wife takes an active part in the Sabbath-school work of the church.

Fraternally, Mr. McHench is a member of the Masonic order. While a resident of Plainview he was made a Mason, in Illustrious Lodge, No. 63, A. F. and A. M., in which he filled the office of Worshipful Master for some years; received his chapter degrees in Halcyon Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M., of Rochester. At present he is a member of Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., in which he is serving as Worshipful Master; of Fairmont Chapter, No. 50, R. A. M.; and of Apollo Commandery, No. 12, K. T.

Like his father, Mr. McHench began his political career as a Whig, but joined the Republican party on its organization, and has ever since been an active and stanch supporter of its principles. His first public office was that of Superintendent of Schools in his native county. While a resident of Wabasha county he was a Justice of the Peace, a Town Supervisor, and in 1887–8 served in the State Senate from that locality. In the fall of 1883 he was elected Treasurer of Martin county, entered upon the duties of the office the following January, and served in that capacity for nine consecutive years. He has been a member of the State Agricultural Association for the past sixteen years, and has served as vice-president and as a member of the executive board. At this writing he is a member of the Capitol Commission, receiving his appointment from Governor Nelson. He is one of the directors of the County Agricultural Association.

Of the early pioneers who are prominent in the history of Minnesota, none more deserve mention than the subject of this sketch. Descending from rugged Scotch ancestry, he was eminently fitted to endure the hardships incident to frontier life. He came to the State while it was yet a Territory, and has since been prominently identified with the formation of its political institutions. That his career has been suc-

cessful his many friends heartily testify. Having attained the usual age of man,—"three-score years and ten"—over forty of which have been passed in pioneer life, Mr. McHench is now living in comparative retirement, surrounded by his family and respected by all who know him.

QARCALI GAWORSKI is recognized as the most prominent farmer of Silver Lake township, Martin county,—a leading and influential citizen, well deserving of representation in the history of his adopted country.

He was born in Poland, Germany, January 14, 1855, and spent the first seventeen years of his life in the land of his nativity, during which time he learned the butcher's trade. In the year 1872 he sailed for the New World. He was in limited circumstances and saw no bright prospect of winning a home and competence in his own country, so determined to try his fortune beyond the broad Atlantic. Landing in New York he remained in that city for three months, working as a gardner. He then made his way to Chicago in July, 1872, where he began working at his trade. As soon as possible he began business for himself. Managing to save $72 he opened a shop of his own and during the five years in which he carried on operations along that line he made $10,000. This demonstrated his excellent business ability, his sagacity and careful management, and tells of untiring, persistent efforts. To a slight extent he engaged in speculation, but that venture proved unprofitable and he lost about $4,000.

With a capital of $6,000, however, he came to Martin county and invested his earnings in real estate. In 1884 he purchased 520 acres of wild prairie land on section 9, Silver Lake township, and began the development of a farm. He erected a house and barn and made many other substantial improvements, adding all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm. He broke the prairie, divided a part of his land into pastures and continued the work of developing and cultivating his land until 1889, when he returned to Chicago, spending one year in the Garden City. Returning to Martin county in 1890, he purchased 240 acres of land on section 25, Silver Lake township, situated on the bank of the beautiful East Chain Lake and has here since made his home. He has built good barns, secured good wells, and has one of the fine farms of Martin county. He raises a fine grade of stock, making a specialty of horses, and has one of the best stock farms in this section of the State. A fine forest of walnut and oak timber is seen on this property, the place is well-watered, and the pleasant residence is located on the bank of East Chain Lakes, commanding a beautiful view of the surrounding country.

The lady who now bears the name of Mrs. Gaworski and shares with him in the joys and sorrows of life, bore the maiden name of Anna Neido. She, too, is a native of Poland, and came to America, when only about a year old, with her parents, who located in Chicago, where her girlhood days were passed. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gaworski was celebrated in that city November 18, 1877, and six children grace their union, one son and five daughters, Frances, Paul, Katie, Julia, Mary and Barbara.

Mr. Gaworski is a public-spirited and progressive citizen and manifests a commendable interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and its upbuilding. He was instrumental in securing the erection of the school-house in district No. 88, and his hearty support and co-operation are given to whatever is calculated to promote the general welfare. In politics he is a Democrat and in 1893 was elected one of the Supervisors of Silver Lake township, in which position he is still serving. He was also Township Clerk for three years. Mr. Gaworski is a well-informed man and can fluently speak the German, English, Polish and Bohemian languages. His worth and ability are widely recognized and his many excellencies and character have gained him high regard. He is a self-made man in the truest sense of that oft misused term, and for his success in life deserves great credit.

REV. FRIEDRICH WILHELM DABERKOW, pastor of the Galena Immanuel's Church, was born in the Province of Pomerania, Prussia, Germany, June 29, 1868, a son of Christian and Wilhelmina (Daberkow) Daberkow. Although they were of the same name, they were not related to each other. The father, born March 7, 1840, came to America in April, 1879, locating on a farm in Cuming county, Nebraska, where he still resides. The mother was born October 10, 1829. Christian and Wilhelmina Daberkow had eight children, namely: Friedrich W., the subject of this sketch; Christian Friedrich, born March 18, 1870, died in October, 1887; Gustav Albert, born April 26, 1872, was married February 21, 1895, to Caroline Borgelt, and they reside on a farm in Nebraska; Emilie F., born February 7, 1875, died in Germany February 28, 1877; August Hermann, born August 11, 1877, is at home; Matilda Charlotte, born June 22, 1880, died August 13, of the same year; Wilhelm Ernest, born August 17, 1883; and Marie Elizabeth, December 29, 1885.

Rev. Friedrich W. Daberkow left home for Springfield, Illinois, in 1883, where he began a theological course, receiving his diploma in the spring of 1890. In 1888 he assisted Rev. A. Hofins in Washington county, Nebraska, in the following year assisted Rev. A. Schupman in Allen county, Indiana, and came to this county August 27, 1890. Mr. Daberkow preached his first sermon in an unfinished church, having been installed by Rev. Hermann Dahlke. For two years he also had charge of the Frazier Zion and Rutland St. Jacobi Churches, now presided over by Rev. Paul Beck, and he made his home with F. Mueller. In addition to the church where he lives, Rev. Daberkow now has charge of the Cedar St. Paul Church.

August 10, 1890, he was united in marriage with Miss Helena Hoelmer, born September 29, 1869, a daughter of Henry and Anna (Saathoff) Hoelmer. To this union has been added one daughter, Dorothea Anna Wilhelmina, born in this county November 9, 1894.

JAMES FINDLAY, Clerk of Weimar township, Jackson county, was born at Montrose, about thirty miles northeast of Dundee, Scotland, December 29, 1856, a son of George and Anne

(Alexander) Findlay, natives also of that place. His mother died when James was fifteen years old, leaving three children: James, Isabella, of Australia, and Margaret Jane, deceased at the age of eighteen years. The father was a blacksmith by trade, and was a fine workman in iron and steel. The family were members of the Presbyterian Church.

James Findlay was reared in his native place, a town of 14,000 inhabitants, and attended school from the age of five to thirteen years. He then followed the machinist's trade eight years at Montrose. At the age of twenty-one years he bade farewell to his native land and came to the United States, first finding employment with the E. P. Allis Manufacturing Company at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he remained two years. Mr. Findlay next went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the employ of the Milwaukee Railroad Company two years, and then with the Omaha Railroad at St. Paul for eight years, and in 1890 he purchased his present farm in Jackson county, Minnesota, then known as the Larud farm. The place consists of seventy acres, and joins the town of Heron Lake on the north. In addition to his agricultural pursuits, he also follows the machinist's trade.

Mr. Findlay was married May 22, 1884, at Watertown, Wisconsin, to Laura E. Hayhurst, born, reared and educated in that city, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Sykes) Hayhurst. They were natives of Yorkshire, England, were married in Bradford, that country, and came to Wisconsin in 1854. They were the parents of five children, namely: Margaret, who married Charles Johnson, the first white child born in Watertown, Wisconsin; John, who was a soldier in the Twenty-ninth Wisconsin Infantry during the late war; Sarah A.; Alexander; Taylor, a prominent business man of Waterloo, Wisconsin; and Laura E. Findlay. The father died at Watertown in 1879, and the mother departed this life at the home of Mrs. Findlay in 1893. In his social relations, Mr. Findlay is a member of the A. F. and A. M., Columbia Lodge, No. 210, and of the A. O. U. W. Lodge, No. 93. Politically, he allies himself with the Republican party, and has held the position of Justice of the Peace and is the present Township Clerk.

HOSEA S. TRUE is one of those honored and respected pioneers who in the upbuilding and development of Martin county have been important factors. The study of biography is one of the most profitable to which man can turn his attention, for it teaches us not theoretical methods of business and plans for achieving success, but shows us practical paths that have been followed by those who have reached the much desired goal, and not the ideal but the real is put before us for our emulation. The life record of the subject of this sketch should prove both entertaining and beneficial to him who peruses it, and with pleasure we present it to our readers.

The True family from which he is descended is of English origin and was founded in New England in the early Colonial days. His father, Simeon S. True, was a native of New Hampshire, and after arriving at years of maturity he married Miss Lucy S. Sturdevant, who was born in the same State and was of Dutch lineage. Her father, Hosea Sturdevant, was a soldier in the Rev-

olution and valiantly aided the Colonies in their struggle for independence. When a young man he secured a tract of land in the old Granite State. Burning the wood on the place, he made from the ashes "salt" (potash) and sold the latter article to pay for his farm. Mr. and Mrs. Simeon True spent their entire lives in New Hampshire, and were highly respected citizens in the community which was their home. With the Methodist Church they held their religious connection. In their family were ten children, six of whom are yet living, namely: David M., John N., Hosea S., Sarah A., Lewis F. and Charles O. This family was well represented in the Union army by four brothers who fought for the stars and stripes and the cause they represented. They were Lewis F., Charles O., George H. and Simeon W., the last named dying in the service from exposure.

Hosea S. True, the fourth child, was born on the 17th of September, 1828, in Center Harbor township, Belknap county, New Hampshire. He obtained a common-school education, and at the age of eighteen years left home to try his fortune on the broad prairies of the West. With a surveying party he made his way to Dubuque, Iowa, and in 1854 made a trip through southern counties of Minnesota. He engaged in trading with the Indians for a time and then went to Illinois, where he spent one year. In 1856 he became a permanent resident of this State, locating in Blue Earth county upon a wild tract of land, not a furrow having been turned or an improvement made upon the place. With characteristic energy he began its development and successfully carried on agricultural pursuits there until 1863, when he came to the farm which is his present home and which has since been continually his place of abode. He is now the owner of 280 acres of land, all under the most modern system of cultivation, and the farm is one of the most valuable properties in this section of the State. The well tilled fields surround a substantial residence, good barns and other necessary outbuildings, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the farm attests to the passer-by the careful supervision of the owner, who throughout the neighborhood is known as a practical and progressive farmer.

An important event in the life of Mr. True occurred in 1861 when was celebrated his marriage with Mary Murphy, a native of Ireland, born in 1837, and a daughter of James Murphy, one of the early settlers of Blue Earth county, Minnesota. Their union was blessed with a family of six children, but one has been called from life. Those still living are Archie H., Charles M., Thomas Norman, David E. and Gerald D. The mother departed this life on the 7th of July, 1894, a consistent member of the Catholic Church, and held in the highest regard by all who knew her for her excellent qualities. Together Mr. and Mrs. True have traveled life's journey for about a third of a century, and he sorely misses her who was so long his faithful companion and helpmeet, while the children mourn the loss of a devoted mother.

Mr. True has ever borne his part in the development of the county and is a loyal citizen. He is a warm friend of the cause of education and has done much good service for the schools, especially while serving as Treasurer of the school district, which office he is filling at the present time. The children have ever been provided with good school privileges, thus fitting them for the practical and responsible duties of life; and

two of the sons, Archie and Norman, have successfully engaged in school-teaching. Our subject is warmly interested in local politics and votes with the Democratic party. He is now Assessor of his township, a position which he has acceptably filled for twenty years, has also been township Supervisor and was appointed Sheriff of the county.

Through all the experiences and struggles of pioneer life Mr. True has passed. He resided in Minnesota during the Indian troubles and when the grasshoppers caused such devastation to the crops, but he has lived a frugal, industrious life, and now in his declining years he possesses a competence which not only supplies him with the comforts of life but also many of its luxuries. The name of this worthy gentleman is an index to his character: he is "true" in all things, and no man in the community is held in higher regard or is more deserving of the esteem and confidence of his friends than Hosea S. True.

HON. O. H. HOWE, a retired farmer, now living in St. James, Minnesota, is a native of Christiania, Norway, born on the 7th of February, 1837, the third son of Hans O. and Anna (Larson) Howe. In the place of his nativity he was reared upon a farm, becoming familiar with all the duties that devolve upon an agriculturist. The public schools gave him his educational advancement, and he remained at home until sixteen years of age, when he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America. This was in 1853. He did not tarry in the East but made his way at once to Milwaukee, where, during the succeeding winter he attended school. He then went into the lumber woods, where he was employed for ten years, working in sawmills and on the river.

In 1864 Mr. Howe responded to the call of his adopted country for troops and joined the Union army. He was assigned to Company B, Forty-ninth Wisconsin Infantry, and served with that command until the close of the war, in southern Missouri and Arkansas. He was in a number of skirmishes, and after the cessation of hostilities he was honorably discharged, at Benton Barracks, Missouri, in 1865. His native land furnished a number of soldiers during that war and their loyalty and fidelity were widely recognized. Upon the close of the war Mr. Howe returned to Mauston, Wisconsin, where he engaged in business until 1866, when he crossed the Mississippi river into Minnesota. He came to Watonwan county and took up a homestead claim in Long Lake township, which he at once began to improve. He was one of a party that numbered six families, and they were the only settlers in that township. In course of time Mr. Howe had much of his land under cultivation, and the once wild prairie was transformed into rich and fertile fields. Buildings were erected and all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the nineteenth century were added. Thus his place became one of the valuable farms of the community, and in return for the care and cultivation he bestowed upon it it yielded to him a golden tribute. As his financial resources increased he made other purchases of farm lands until he owns at this writing 600 acres, which he now rents. He continued active farming until 1889, when he determined to lay aside all business cares. Accordingly he left the farm and

removed to St. James, where he is now resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

In the year 1871 Mr. Howe was united in marriage with a most estimable lady,—Miss Bertha Wolner, a native of Norway. Their union has been blessed with a family of eleven children, but only four of this number are now living, as follows: Otto M., who is living in St. James; Hilda C., now attending school; Ludwig and Elmer, who are still with their parents. The family is one of prominence in this locality and its members have many warm friends.

The political support of Mr. Howe is given to the men and measures of the Republican party, and its principles he zealously and ably advocates. He has frequently been called upon to serve in public office and for eight years served as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity,—a fact which is evidenced by his long continued service. He aided in organizing Long Lake township, has filled most of its offices, and for some time was Justice of the Peace. In 1873 he was elected to serve in the General Assembly as Senator from the Thirty-eighth Senatorial district, comprising Watonwan, Martin and Cottonwood counties. The winter following he was elected Sergeant-at-Arms for the House of Representatives. He is a member of John A. Logan Post, No. 64, G. A. R., of St. James, is now Senior Vice Commander, and has filled other offices in that post. He holds membership in the Lutheran Church, and is actively interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and its upbuilding. His public and private life alike are above reproach, and all who know him esteem him for the many excellencies of his character. It was a fortunate day for him when he came to America, and also a fortunate day for Watonwan county when he was numbered among its citizens.

THOMAS ERICKSON, a prominent farmer residing on section 8, East Chain township, Martin county, where he owns and superintends 200 acres of valuable land, is a native of Norway, his birth having occurred in that beautiful country known as the "Land of the Midnight Sun," on the 13th of May, 1832. His childhood and youth were passed there unmarked by any event of special importance. At length he determined to seek a home this side of the Atlantic, for he believed that better opportunities were afforded here than in the old countries and hoped to better his financial condition. Bidding adieu to home and friends, he sailed for America in 1868.

Mr. Erickson made his first location in Fillmore county, Minnesota, spending a few months in that place. The following year he became a resident of Martin county, where he has since made his home. For twenty-six years he has lived on the farm which is now his place of residence. At the time of his purchase it was a tract of wild land, not a furrow having been turned or an improvement made thereon, but with characteristic energy he began its development and has made it a valuable place. Where was once barren prairie are now seen richly cultivated fields, giving evidence of good harvests. Substantial buildings have been erected which stand as monuments to the thrift and enterprise of the owner, well kept fences divide the place into fields of convenient size, and trees, which have been planted by

F. A. Squires.

Mr. Erickson, cast their grateful shade over the premises.

In 1869 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Erickson and Miss Fredericka Anderson, who was born in Norway on the 23d of October, 1829, and has been to him a faithful companion and helpmeet.

In his political views, Mr. Erickson is a Republican, but finds no time for public office, preferring to give his entire attention to his business interests, in which he has met with a high degree of success. He now carries on general farming and stock-raising. His life has been a busy and useful one, and his industry and good management are manifest in his desirable possessions. He came to this country without capital, and all that he has to-day has been acquired through his own efforts,—the reward of honest toil. He may truly be called a self-made man, and in the history of his adopted county well deserves representation.

FREEMAN A. SQUIRES is one of the honored pioneers of Faribault county, whose residence here, dating from May, 1858, covers a period of thirty-seven consecutive years, in which he has borne an active part in the work of public improvement, aiding materially in everything tending to promote the general welfare. A valued and progressive citizen, his willing co-operation is withheld from no worthy enterprise or interests. His business is that of farming and stock-raising, and he is now the possessor of 360 acres of valuable land, which is the reward of earnest labor.

The life record of Mr. Squires will certainly prove of interest to many of our readers, for no man is more widely or favorably known in this locality. He was born in Washington county, New York, November 21, 1829, descending from English ancestry, the family having been founded in America during early Colonial days. The Squires people have always been noted for loyalty and were true to the mother country until its unjust oppressions caused the withdrawal of the allegiance of all just and noble men. The new country, then established, received the hearty support of our subject's ancestors, and the record which they made is one of which he is justly proud. His grandfather, Samuel Squires, who was born in Connecticut, September 24, 1749, joined the forces under General Washington, as did six of his brothers, and the cause of independence found in them able champions. He was married March 10, 1870, to Annie Bates, who was born June 21, 1751, and they became the parents of four children,— two sons and two daughters. When the Revolution came to an end and England no longer had dominion over the Colonies — now free and independent States—Mr. Squires removed with his family to Washington county, New York, then a frontier settlement, and in the midst of the forest hewed out a farm, on which he and his worthy wife spent their remaining days, passing away an advanced age.

John S. Squires, father of our subject, was born in the Empire State, on the 26th of September, 1793, and was reared on the old home farm, but later engaged in the lumber business. On the 10th of September, 1810, was consummated his marriage to Elsie Hopkins, who was born December 21, 1798, and was a daughter of Martin Hopkins, who came of an old New England family and was one of the early settlers of the Empire State. Thirteen children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Squires, two of whom

reached mature years, while three of the family still abide. Those who have passed away after reaching majority were John W. and Charles. The others were Annie, wife of George H. Taylor, of New York; Sarah J., wife of George W. Tilford, also of New York; and the gentleman whose name initiates this review. The parents were members of the Baptist Church and were honored and respected by all who knew them. The father died March 6, 1835, and the mother afterward became the wife of Asa Green. She crossed the dark river to the eternal shore, June 20, 1881, at the advanced age of eighty-three years.

Quietly, midst play and work, the boyhood days of Freeman A. Squires were passed. He became familiar with the pleasures and also the labors of farm life, and in the subscription schools he conned his lessons. When the Mexican war broke out he was only sixteen years of age, but with the blood of Revolutionary forefathers flowing in his veins, the patriotic youth could not remain at home, and went to the front in defense of the old flag. Enlisting in the spring of 1847, in Company A, Tenth New York Infantry, he went to the land of Montezuma and participated in the engagements of his regiment until the fall of 1848, when he was honorably discharged.

Returning to his native county, Mr. Squires embarked in the business of shipping produce to New York city, which he followed until the spring of 1855. Desiring to try his fortune on the broad acres of the West, he made his way to Rock county, Wisconsin, where he resided, engaged in farming, until May, 1858. At that time Faribault county gained one of its most valuable citizens by his arrival here. He made the journey in a covered wagon and in three weeks and two days reached his destination. He here entered 160 acres from the Government, first under the pre-emption and afterward under the homestead act. His means were quite limited, he being the possessor of only a few household goods, three yoke of oxen and two cows. With characteristic energy he began to clear his land and make a home. They lived in their wagon for four weeks, until a cabin could be built. Their first home was only 14 x 18 feet, but many happy hours were passed there, and though hardships and trials were to be met that life was not without its pleasures. Now the little house has given way to a modern and substantial residence, and in the rear of this are good barns and other necessary buildings which are models of convenience and afford ample shelter for his fine stock. Indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and his diligence and well-directed efforts have been crowned with success. As his financial resources have increased he has added to his farm until now 360 acres is included within its boundaries. He has gained a wide reputation as a breeder of blooded horses and cattle. For many years he dealt in short-horn cattle, and in 1884 he introduced Swiss cattle into this country, purchasing four head, three of which were imported, and he now has a fine herd of thirty head and sells from three to ten head each year, for which he receives from $100 to $400. He also raises Morgan horses, which in years past have been a good source of revenue. In 1893 he took his herd of Swiss cattle to the World's Fair in Chicago, having taken them direct from the pasture, and was awarded ten prizes.

In the years of labor and toil and in the days of prosperity, by the side of Mr. Squires has walked a faithful companion and

helpmeet whom he calls by the cherished name of wife. On the 13th of March, 1851, he wedded Miss Cornelia Becker, a native of New York, born March 4, 1834, a daughter of John W. and Louisa (Gage) Becker. Her grandfather, John P. Becker, was a native of New York, and his father, John P. Becker, Sr., came from Holland in the early settlement of the Empire State, where he was a large slave-owner. The mother of Mrs. Squires was a daughter of Asa Gage. She died when Mrs. Squires was only three years old, leaving three daughters: Mary, deceased wife of John Coon; Susan A., wife of George S. Miles; and Cornelia, wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Squires have one son, John W., born January 29, 1852, now residing in Big Sandy, Montana. He was married June 11, 1878, to Lydia Shuttleworth, and they have four children, Freeman A., Alma M., Arthur F. and Grace Montana.

Mr. Squires left home and family in 1861, for he felt that his country needed his services, and when duty calls he is never slow to answer. He enlisted in defense of the Union which his ancestors had fought to establish, joining the second company of cavalry that went from Minnesota. This was in the month of October. The regiment was joined to Brackett's battalion, and with that command he participated in many hard-fought battles, including the hotly contested engagements at Fort Donelson and Shiloh (where the battalion was attached to the telegraph corps), Murfreeboro and Guy's Gap. At the first named he was taken prisoner, but was soon after paroled and continued with his company until failing health made field service longer impossible for him, and he was honorably discharged at Murfreesboro, in July, 1863. It was impossible for him to remain at home contentedly when his country needed the aid of all her loyal sons, and when he had sufficiently recovered health and strength, he re-enlisted, in January, 1865, was commissioned as First Lieutenant, and was with the Minnesota Heavy Artillery until the close of the war. He was always found at his post of duty, faithfully performing any task allotted to him, and valiantly defending the old flag which now floats so proudly over the united nation.

Since his return Mr. Squires has given his time and attention to agricultural pursuits and his diligence and perseverance have won prosperity. His success is also due in no small degree to the assistance and encouragement of his noble wife, who has shared with him in the hardships and privations of frontier life, cared for and managed the domestic affairs in his absence from home during the war and ever been a wise counselor in his undertakings. Both hold membership in the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Squires affiliates with the Masonic fraternity, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Grand Army of the Republic. When the Republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery, he joined its ranks and has since been one of its stalwart and earnest supporters. He has never sought office, but is always faithful to his duties of citizenship, manifesting the same loyalty that characterized his career when in Southern battle-fields he followed the stars and stripes. Honorable and upright in all things, true to his convictions and steadfast of purpose, his well-spent life has gained for him the high regard of all with whom business or social relations of life have brought him in contact.

GEORGE KRUMWIEDE, Monroe, Minnesota, was born on his father's farm near Blue Island (city), Illinois, November 2, 1869, son of Frederick and Dorothea (Bottles) Krumwiede.

Frederick Krumwiede, as the name indicates, is of German origin. He was born in Germany, February 17, 1826, and when a young man emigrated to America, landing here in 1854. He was married soon afterward, and in this land of the free began to make for himself a home, his only capital being his strong arm and his determination to succeed. At first he worked in a limekiln and at whatever he could find to do, his home for some time being in Chicago. Then he bought a farm of 124 acres near Blue Island, Illinois, and there he reared his family and spent the greater part of his life. In the spring of 1890 he disposed of his farm and moved into the city of Blue Island, where he still lives. The children of Frederick and Dorothea Krumwiede are Mary, Henry, William, August and George. Henry and August are given biographical mention elsewhere in this work. Mary was born in February, 1855; is the wife of Gottleib Schaar, secretary of the Central Building & Loan Association, of Chicago, and has one child, Louisa M. William, born in 1859, is engaged in farming near Blue Island, Illinois; has been twice married and has two children living,—Frederick by his first wife, and William by his present companion.

George is the youngest of the family. The time of his first arrival in Minnesota was in the spring of 1891, when he came on a visit to his brother Henry. Up to that time he had worked on the farm for his father. He then began working for his brother and continued with him until the following July, when he joined the threshing crew of Lewis Stuezze, and was thus employed until December. December 8, 1891, he returned to Illinois, and the following spring came back to Minnesota. He worked for August Peterson a short time, then made his home with his brother Henry until fall, and in the fall again took up threshing for an occupation. September 21, 1892, he bought of G. W. Osborn the northeast quarter of section twenty-six, township 104 (Galena), range thirty-two. Two months subsequent to this purchase Mr. Krumwiede married, and took his wife to reside temporarily with the family of his brother August. He first built a small granary on his farm, and as soon as it was completed he and his bride moved into it and began housekeeping. Then he erected his present fine residence and barn. It was not long before he bought of C. J. Carlson the northwest quarter of section twenty-six, adjoining his original purchase. At this writing he has about 150 acres of his land under cultivation, has two acres in grove and two acres and a half in orchard, and his stock consists of seven head of horses and seven of cattle.

Mr. Krumwiede was married November 4, 1892, to Emma Katrina Luehr, daughter of Henry J. and Martalena (Black) Luehr. Henry J. Luehr was born in Hanover, Germany, March 8, 1846, son of Henry Christopher (born February 24, 1803; died March 18, 1869) and Catharine Margareta, nee Gaivis (born February 17, 1804; died December 20, 1868) Luehr. Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Luehr were married June 3, 1870, and their family comprise five children, Mrs. Krumwiede, born October 17, 1872, being the eldest. The children of Mr. and Mrs. George Krumwiede are Sizilie Martelena Sophia, born September 15, 1893, died

November 15, 1893; and Frederick William George, born November 18, 1894.

Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. He was confirmed in April, 1883, and she in April, 1886.

HENRY KRUMWIEDE, a prosperous farmer near Monroe, Minnesota, is a native of Chicago, born July 3, 1857, son of Frederick and Dorothea (Bottles) Krumwiede. Further mention of the family history will be found in the biography of George Krumwiede, in this work.

Henry was the first of the Krumwiedes to locate in Minnesota. In 1883 he bought the southeast quarter of section 35, Galena township, range 32, in Martin county. It was not, however, until March 27, 1885, that he permanently located here. This purchase contains only 152 acres, the rest of the quarter being in the lake. In 1887 Mr. Krumwiede purchased an adjoining tract of land, comprising fifty-nine acres, and now has in one body over 200 acres, 150 of which have been broken. Four and a half acres are in grove and two acres and a half in orchard. The farm is stocked with sixty hogs, fifteen cattle, and eight horses, and both in farming and stock-raising Mr. Krumwiede is meeting with success. In addition to the property described, he has a lot in Welcome and two acres of choice land adjoining the town.

Mr. Krumwiede was married May 5, 1878, to Miss Mary Bruhur, who was born December 27, 1859, and is the only child of August and Wilhelmina (Tesno) Bruhur. Her father was born November 29, 1831, and her mother, January 10, 1833; both are still living. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Krumwiede are as follows: William Charles, born January 9, 1879; August Frederick, July 1, 1881; Frederick Johann, May 11, 1883; John Henry, April 23, 1885; Edwin George, April 18, 1887; Henry Walter, July 4, 1889; Dorothea Emma, July 8, 1891; and Hermann August, March 7, 1893. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

In 1887 Mr. Krumwiede met with a serious accident which resulted in the loss of his right eye. While unhitching a team of horses, the line was suddenly jerked and struck him in the eye, entirely destroying the sight. The other eye, however, was uninjured, and he seemingly gets along better than some men do with both optics unimpaired.

FRANK SCHOFFMAN, a live-stock dealer of St. James, was born in the neighboring State of Wisconsin, the place of his birth being Ozaukee county, the date November 11, 1847. His father, Joseph Schoffman, was a native of France, and in the year 1846 he emigrated to the New World, taking up his residence in Wisconsin. He secured a track of wild land, which he soon placed under the plow and transformed into rich and fertile fields, which yielded to the owner a golden tribute. His last days were passed in Faribault county, Minnesota, where his death occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-five. He had wedded Mary Freiburger, a native of France, who died in Wisconsin in 1858, at the age of fifty-two.

Frank Schoffman is the youngest in their family of ten children. He was reared in the State of his nativity until eleven years of age, when his mother died and he went

from the old home with his brother, Joseph, to Steele county, Minnesota, in the spring of 1859. The next fall he emigrated to Calhoun county, Illinois, and in 1864 he returned to Ozaukee county, Wisconsin. He then went to Mankato, Minnesota, where he secured a position as clerk in a general mercantile establishment, being there employed until 1868. That year witnessed his removal to Faribault county, where he embarked in business for himself in general merchandising, carrying on operations along that line for a year and a half at Minnesota Lake. In 1870 he emigrated to Colorado, settling in Douglas county, where he worked on a ranch, caring for the stock for a year. In 1871 he returned to Minnesota Lake, where he engaged in buying stock for a year and a half, when he changed his business, opening a saloon in Easton. This was in 1873, and again he was in business for a year and a half. In 1875 we once more find him in Minnesota Lake, where he opened a hotel and successfully conducted the same until 1878, when he sold out. His next venture was as a stock-shipper, buying and shipping live stock until 1881. From that time until September, 1887, he carried on general merchandising at Minnesota Lake, and on selling he removed to Mankato, where he continued for five months.

On the 2d of February, 1888, Mr. Schoffman came to St. James and bought a general store of Thomas Veltum, which he conducted until selling out on the 1st of February, 1893. He now devotes his time and energies to the live-stock business exclusively. In October, 1885, he began dealing in live stock, shipping to the Chicago, St. Paul and Souix City markets. This has been a profitable venture, and, ably conducted, has yielded him a good income. He loans money and owns considerable real estate, including town property and a farm in St. James township, Watonwan county, of eighty acres, and 160 acres of South Branch township.

In 1875 was celebrated a marriage which united the destinies of Mr. Schoffman and Miss Mary Lenartz, a native of Dubuque, Iowa. When a little child of two summers she was brought to Blue Earth county, Minnesota, by her parents, and has since lived in this State. Five children now grace their union, as follows: William F., George A., Rowland J., Sada May and Rosa K.

Mr. Schoffman exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy, and has several times been called to public office by his fellow citizens who recognize his worth and ability. He is now a member of the Village Council, was Treasurer of Minnesota Lake for a period of six years, and has been town Treasurer for two years. In the discharge of his public duties he has shown that the confidence and trust reposed in him has not been misplaced, and his fidelity is demonstrated by his frequent re-election. He has always lived in the West, and possesses the enterprising, progressive spirit which dominates this section of the country, and in this section of Minnesota he has been an important factor in promoting beneficent public enterprises.

JOSEPH E. COUPER, physician and surgeon, Blue Earth City, Minnesota, is the only representative of the Homeopathic school at this place.

He is a native of Minnesota, born in Dakota county, September 1, 1857, son of J.

C. Couper, who was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, his grandfather Couper having emigrated from England to this country and settled in St. Lawrence county, New York, about the year 1820. J. C. Couper was reared and educated in his native county and was there married to Harriet Johnson, also a native of St. Lawrence county. Her father, William Johnson, came from England and settled there at the same time the Couper family did. After his marriage, and in the year 1855, J. C. Couper came to Minnesota and took a pre-emption claim of Government land in Dakota county, which he improved, and while there assisted in laying out the old town of Lewiston. He took great interest in public affairs and was largely instrumental in developing the new county. He served his constituency in the Legislature two terms, and at the breaking out of the Civil war he was one of the first to offer his services in defense of his country. He enlisted in Company F, Eighth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and served with Sibley's expedition against the Indians, then went South and participated in many hard-fought battles, being finally mustered out at Washington. During his service he received a severe wound in the shoulder. The war over, he returned to Minnesota and a short time afterward sold his farm in Dakota county and purchased one near Northfield, Rice county, which he conducted for a time. Later he bought a flouring mill and ran the same until about 1884, when he engaged in the mercantile business at Northfield, in company with his sons. He and his wife have six children, namely: Joseph E., whose name heads this article; Charles Sumner, who is engaged in business with his father; Fennemore J., also in business with his father; Eva, a teacher in the public schools at Northfield; George B., a mechanical engineer of Minneapolis; and Hattie, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Couper are members of the Congregational Church, and he is a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Politically he is a Republican, and has always taken an active part in public affairs, being well known as a campaign speaker.

Dr. Joseph E. Couper received his early education in the public schools and for five years was a student at Carlton College. After completing his literary course he entered the office of Dr. Henry Hutchinson, of St. Paul, under whose instructions he pursued the study of medicine for a time. The winter of 1878–9 he spent at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, and the two years following he attended the St. Louis Homeopathic Medical College, graduating at the latter institution. He then took a post-graduate course at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia. In 1881 he began the practice of his profession at Duluth, Minnesota, and from there came to his present location, opening his office at Blue Earth City on the 3d of January, 1882. Here for twelve years he has enjoyed a highly successful and lucrative practice. His home in Blue Earth City is one of the finest in the place, and he has accumulated a large landed estate, comprising 810 acres of Faribault county's best soil, all of which is under a high state of cultivation.

Dr. Couper was married June 25, 1884, to Miss Emma Pffefer, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of S. Pffefer, of Blue Earth City. They have one child, Hellen.

Both the Doctor and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican, and, fraternally, he is identified with the following organiza

tions: Blue Earth City Lodge, No 57, F. & A. M.; Blue Earth City Lodge, No. 39, K. of P; Sons of Veterans; and Modern Woodmen.

GEORGE A. JORDAN, a farmer of section 2, Pleasant Prairie township, was born in Windham county, Connecticut, May 12, 1830, a son of Benjamin Jordan, who was born and reared in Rhode Island, and was a farmer by occupation. His father, William Jordan, was supposed to have been born in England, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was a prominent land-owner in Rhode Island. The mother of our subject, *nee* Frances Howe, was born and reared in Connecticut, a daughter of Isaac Howe, of English descent. He had one son in the war of 1812. Benjamin and Frances Jordan were married and located in Connecticut, where the former died in 1877, and the latter in 1876. They were the parents of nine children, eight of whom grew to years of maturity.

George A. Jordan, the second child and eldest son, remained in his native State until thirty years of age. At the age of twenty-one years he began work for himself, and for twelve years was employed by B. A. Corbin, at the shoemaker's trade. In 1861 he located on a farm in La Salle county, Illinois, and five years afterward came to Martin county, Minnesota. Mr. Jordan located on a farm in Pleasant Prairie township, which he improved, and seven years afterward traded the same for the farm he now owns. About twenty-five acres of the place had been cultivated, and on it was located a small log house and a straw stable. At one time Mr. Jordan owned 400 acres, but has given land to his sons until he now has only 185 acres.

September 28, 1851, he was united in marriage with Georgianna Wetherell, born in Connecticut, December 9, 1832, a daughter of William L. and Mary (McFarland) Wetherell, natives respectively of Connecticut and Massachusetts. They were the parents of six sons and six daughters, of whom Mrs. Jordan was the seventh child in order of birth. Our subject and wife have had eight children, namely: Alice, wife of Albert Nash, of Joe Daviess township, Faribault county, Minnesota; Leslie A., of Center Creek township, Martin county, married Kate Lusemore; Mary E., wife of E. C. Cammerers, engaged in railroad work in Blue Earth City; Hattie, who graduated in the school at Valparaiso, Indiana, taught school at the age of sixteen years, also worked in Portland, Oregon, and is now the wife of R. B. Oak, of Chicago, Illinois; Leonard W., assisting on the home farm; Fredrick R., of Fairmont, Minnesota; and Helen R., wife of W. M. Ware, of Winnebago City. Leonard W. is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 159, of Blue Earth City, and of the Rebekah Lodge, No. 19, of Fairmont. In his political relations, Mr. Jordan affiliates with the Democratic party, and has held the position of Justice of the Peace. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and highly respected in the community where they reside.

JOHN HENRY DIEDRICH STELTER, one of the representative farmers of Lake Belt township, Martin county, claims Germany as the land of his birth, which occurred in Suligen,

Hanover, on the 21st of October, 1864. His father, John Anton Stelter, was born May 5, 1838, and died at 11 o'clock, A. M., April 24, 1867, and was buried on the 29th of April. Such is the record made by the regular authorities and held by our subject. The mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Dickman, was married after the death of her first husband to William Bushman and died about 1869. Upon her death Mr. Bushman married Margaret, an aunt of our subject. His death occurred some time since, but she is still living and makes her home in Hanover, Germany. Katrina, a sister of our subject's father, married Henry Hanslope.

The gentleman whose name heads this record was left an orphan at the early age of five years and lived with his stepfather until he had attained the age of fourteen, when he began working as a farm hand for wages. He has since been dependent upon his own resources, so that whatever success he has achieved in life is the reward of his own labors. He may well be called a self-made man, for he is the architect of his own fortunes and has builded wisely and well. When a young man of sixteen years he determined to try his fortune in America, believing that he would thereby benefit his financial condition, for he thought better opportunities were here offered young men than in the older countries, which were of course more thickly populated. Accordingly he bade adieu to friends and Fatherland, and on the 2d of October, 1880, sailed for American shores. When he had reached this country he made his way to Du Page county, Illinois, where his uncle, Henry Dickman, was living, and when that gentleman removed to Martin county, Minnesota, in September, 1884, Mr. Stelter accompanied him. He now worked for various farmers until March, 1889, when he rented 179 acres of land belonging to Solomon King, and began farming in his own interest. This land had been rented to Herman Schueler and was sublet to our subject. On the 18th of July, 1891, he made his first purchase of land, securing the same with capital which he had earned after coming to this country.

He became the owner of 199 acres, bought of W. P. Smith, situated on the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 25, township 101, range 32. On the 27th of March, 1893, he bought the additional acre of William Hubbard, and now has five complete "forties." Of this farm 125 acres has been placed under the plow and the rich and fertile fields yield to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestows upon tnem. Upon the place he has a beautiful grove of four acres, and the place is well improved with substantial buildings, good machinery and all the other accessories of a model farm of the nineteenth century. In connection with general farming, he now devotes considerable attention to stock-raising, and now keeps on hand twenty head of cattle, thirty-four hogs and eight horses.

On the 8th of March, 1889, Mr. Stelter was united in marriage with Miss Mary Wilhelmina Schueler, daughter of A. L. Schueler. She was born on the 25th of January, 1867, and by their marriage have been born the following children: Mary Lena Margaret, who was born December 21, 1889; Heinrich August William, born Febuary 11, 1891; Herman Fredrick Dietrich, born May 1, 1892; and William Hermann Charles, born October 27, 1894.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stelter are members of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The former was confirmed in Germany, in the spring of 1889, by the Rev. Schramm, and the latter was confirmed in Will county, Illinois, April 11, 1880, by the Rev. Henry Stahlin. They are consistent and faithful members, whose well spent lives have won them the high regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact. Their circle of acquaintances is large and their friends are many. Mr. Stelter came to this country empty-handed, his capital being a young man's bright hope of the future and a determination to succeed. He had many difficulties to overcome, many obstacles to surmount, but he accomplished the hard task and gathered together a handsome property which is as a monument to his thrift and enterprise. He has no occasion to regret his emigration to America, and thereby Martin county gained a valuable citizen.

PATRICK CAFFEY, deceased, was one of the grand old men who became identified with the history of Minnesota in its primitive days. It was in 1863 that he turned his face westward from the Badger State and took up his abode in Faribault county, not far from the scenes of the Indian troubles of the previous year. Here, in this region favored by Nature, he vied with his neighbors in making his acres the most desirable in the county.

Patrick Caffey was born in county Kings, Ireland, in 1828, and was reared on a farm. His father died when Patrick was seven years old, and not long afterward his mother became the wife of John Garkin. Her second marriage resulted in the birth of two daughters, Ellen and Catherine, who are married and have happy homes in Providence, Rhode Island. Both Mr. and Mrs. Garkin died and are buried on the Emerald Isle.

In early life Patrick was inured to hard work on his parents' farm, and a short time before attaining his majority he sailed from Liverpool for America, landing at New York after a voyage of forty-nine days. From New York he went to Boston, Massachusetts. There he met and married Miss Ann Kelly, a native of county Westmeath, Ireland, who was born in 1827 and who came to this country when she was fifteen years of age with her brother James. James Kelly is now one of the prosperous farmers of Walnut Lake township, Faribault county, Minnesota. A short time after their marriage they went to Providence, Rhode Island, where Mr. Caffey was employed for about six years in the manufacturing establishment of Thurston & Green. In 1854 he came west to Wisconsin, selecting Dodge county as his place of location, and there, in the midst of the forest, erecting his log cabin and establishing his home. He cleared away the timber and soon in its stead, as the result of his honest toil, were found fields of golden grain. For nine years he made his home in Dodge county, and from there, as above stated, came to Minnesota. His first winter here found him safely housed in a log cabin in Barbara township, where he purchased 160 acres of unimproved land; and on this property he passed the residue of his life and died, being fifty-nine years of age at the time of his death. His remains were interred in the burying ground belonging to St. Mary's Church, and beside them rest all that is mortal of his loving and devoted wife. They were the parents of ten children, three daughters and seven sons, the survivors being

as follows: James, the popular and efficient railroad conductor on the Southern Minnesota Division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad; J. F., a merchant of Easton, Faribault county, married Miss Jennie Cusick, daughter of Frank and Mary (Mullen) Cusick, Mrs. Cusick being one of the first white women in the county; Mary is the wife of William Stevemer, who for twenty years has been the popular landlord of the Easton House, the first hotel and one of the first buildings in the town; William, engaged in the saloon business in Easton. William Caffey was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, October 15, 1860, and was reared to farm life, his education being received in the primitive schools of Barbara township. Since October, 1892, he has been in business in Easton. November 1, 1892, he was married in St. Mary's Church, Rev. Father Hughes officiating, to Miss Alice Cusick, a sister of his brother's wife. They have one child, Francis Patrick, named in honor of his grandfathers. Thomas, the next son of Patrick Caffey, is a prominent stock-dealer of Easton, being junior member of the firm of Cusick & Caffey, whose principal shipping points are St. Paul and Sioux City. Elizabeth resides with her sister, Mrs. Stevemer, in Easton. The other four children died in infancy in Rhode Island.

The sons of this worthy pioneer, Patrick Caffey, like him, have been stanch advocates of Jeffersonian Democracy, and, like their mother, profess Catholicism.

HERMAN FRANKFURT, a prominent farmer of section 27, Fairmont township, Martin county, was born in Oberhausen, on the Rhine, Germany, October 8, 1842, a son of August Frankfurt, a native of the same place and a saloon-keeper and grocery merchant. His death occurred there, at the age of eighty years. He married Minerva Bergfield, a native of the same place, and she died there, at the age of eighty-two years. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom grew to years of maturity.

Herman Frankfurt, the youngest child in the order of birth, was reared in his native place, and remained with his father until twelve years of age. He then worked in a zinc rolling mill for eighteen years and six months. In 1872 he came to America, locating first in St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked by the month in a zinc factory, and was next employed in the zinc rolling mill of Madison & Hageler, the oldest in the State, remaining with them twelve and a half years. He was the first workman in the mill, and made as high as $140 per month, also receiving a premium. In 1885 Mr. Frankfurt located on the farm where he now resides, then unimproved land, and his first residence consisted of one small room, 16 x 16 feet, which he had built. He now owns one of the best residences in the county. His farm consists of 240 acres, all in a fine state of cultivation, and in addition to general farming he is extensively engaged in stock-raising, owning forty head of hogs, twenty-one head of cattle, and other stock in proportion.

Mr. Frankfurt was married first in Germany, to Catherine Louge, and at her death she left one daughter, Mary, the wife of John Madden, of Anaconda, Montana. December 22, 1872, Mr. Frankfurt was united in marriage with Caroline Holby, born in Texas, July 10, 1853, a daughter of John and Lizzie (Alsenc) Holby, natives of Ger-

many. Mrs. Frankfurt is their only child, and was reared in Texas until ten years of age, when she came with her parents to La Salle county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Frankfurt have eight sons,—Julius, Eugene, Herman, Ottis, August, Eddie, Arthur and Rubin. Mr. Frankfurt acts with the Republican party, and is a member of the German Evangelical Church.

JOSEPH PATCHIN is one of the early settlers of Martin county and has not only witnessed the greater part of its progress and advancement but has also materially aided in its development and upbuilding. He is recognized as one of the leading citizens of the community and well deserves mention among the honored pioneers.

The place of his birth is in Geauga county, Ohio, the date October 28, 1839, and the record of his life is as follows: He is descended from Scotch ancestry, the family having been founded in America by three brothers who braved the dangers of an ocean voyage in an early day in order to secure homes in the New World. His grandfather, Elzer Patchin, was probably a native of Connecticut and was a soldier of the Revolution, aiding in that long struggle which the Colonies made to throw off the yoke of British tyranny. The father of our subject, George Patchin, was born in Connecticut in 1806, was reared in Ohio and followed the occupation of a farmer. He married Sophronia Nash, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Joseph Nash, who was born in the East. The wedding of Mr. Patchin and Miss Nash was celebrated in the Buckeye State, and there they made their home until 1845, when they became residents of Wisconsin, which at that time had not joined the sisterhood of States. Locating in Dane county, the father secured land from the Government and later engaged in farming in Rock county until his life's labors were ended, and he passed to his final rest. He had reached the ripe old age of seventy-six and a long and useful life was ended. The mother was called to the home beyond in 1851 while living in Dane county. Their family numbered six children, five sons and a daughter, as follows: William Wallace, of Wisconsin; Cyrus E., who was a soldier of the late war and is now living in Nashville township, Martin county; Emeline, deceased; Joseph; David, who died in the late war while aiding in the defense of the Union; and Horatio, who also laid down his life on the altar of his country.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch is the fourth in the family and was a child of six summers when with his parents he went to the Territory of Wisconsin. Here he was reared amid the wild scenes of the frontier and shared in the trials and hardships of pioneer life.

To his father he gave the benefit of his services until twenty years of age, when he started out in life for himself, and the occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work. He rented a farm, and, desiring to become the owner of land, he removed to Minnesota, in 1863, and secured a claim on section 17, Nashville township. He began its development, but the following year he abandoned his farm, for the blood of his revolutionary ancestors was stirred in his veins and his patriotic spirit aroused. He enlisted in 1864 as a member of Company C, Second Minnesota Cavalry, and was engaged in the Indian service, in which he continued until the close of the war. He

was honorably discharged in December, 1865, and then returned to Martin county to engage in civil pursuits.

In 1866 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Patchin and Miss Margaret T. Slauson, the festivities taking place in Rock county, Wisconsin. The lady is a native of Orange county, New York, born April 28, 1839, and is a daughter of Reuben and Rachel (Halleck) Slauson, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of New York. They were the parents of ten children, all of whom grew to adult age, Mrs. Patchin being the fifth child and a maiden of seven summers when her parents emigrated to Rock county, Wisconsin.

In 1867 our subject located on the farm where he now resides and which has been his place of abode continuously since. His first home was a sod and plank house, but many improvements have been added in the years that have come and gone and there is now a substantial residence and all the other accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the nineteenth century. He has 320 acres of rich land all under a high state of cultivation and successfully carries on general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Patchin votes with the Prohibition party and is a warm advocate of temperance principles. He has served as a member of the town Board of Supervisors but has never been an aspirant for the honors or emoluments of public office. Socially, he affiliates with Clabaugh Post, No. 54, G. A. R., of Winnebago City, and is the same loyal citizen to-day that he was when he entered his country's service in her hour of peril. One of the most active and consistent members of the Freewill Baptist Church, he is now serving in the capacity of Deacon and Treasurer, and is also a member of the Board of Trustees. A Christian life, in many respects well worthy of emulation, has gained for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

W. D. FORSYTH, proprietor of the City Hotel, of St. James, was born in Black River Falls, Jackson county, Wisconsin, August 16, 1851. His father, W. F. Forsyth, was born and reared in Canada, and was a farmer by occupation. His father was a native of Canada and of English descent. The mother of our subject was formerly Belora Gaffeir, also born in Canada and of English descent.

W. D. Forsyth, the youngest of thirteen children, was reared in his native place and remained at home until twenty-one years of age. He then began work in the lumber woods and on the river. In 1873 he came to St. James, Watonwan county, Minnesota, and was engaged in farming and dealing in horses nntil 1889. For the following four years Mr. Forsyth followed merchandising in this city, in company with George Forsyth, and, in connection with that business, they also conducted a livery stable. In the spring of 1894 our subject purchased the City Hotel, but is still engaged in the livery business. He also owns a farm of 280 acres in Nelson township, and eighty acres one mile from St. James.

In political matters Mr. Forsyth advocates the principles of the Republican party, and has served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Nelson township two years. Socially, he is a member of the A. O. U. W., St. James Lodge, No. 64, and of the I. O. O. F. of this city.

Our subject was married, in 1872, to Jennie Croute, a native of Jackson county, Wisconsin. They have had four children,—Maud C., Hazel and Jessie (twins), and Dennis deceased at the age of four weeks.

KNUTE MIKKELSEN is one of the grand old pioneers of Lura township, Faribault county, who erected a log cabin on the prairie when he could look across the country for miles without a single settlement to intercept the line of vision. Many of the now thriving towns and villages of the county had not then sprung into existence, much of the land was still in the possession of the Government and the work of civilization and progress seemed scarcely begun. All was wild and bleak and gave little promise of the rapid development that was soon to transform the county into one of the best in this great commonwealth. A debt of gratitude is due the pioneers which will never be repaid, but we can hold them in grateful remembrance and by written record perpetuate their names and give to posterity the story of their lives. Prominently deserving mention among these honored men is the gentleman whose name heads this record.

Mr. Mikkelsen was born in Norway, in October, 1823, and is a son of Michael and Martha (Andrews) Mikkelsen, whose family numbered seven children. Only two of these now survive, Knute and Carrie, the latter a resident of Janesville, Wisconsin. The parents, with four of their children, emigrated to America in 1850, sailing from Scotland to New York, where they arrived after a voyage of forty-four days on board the Norwegian vessel, Foretten, a three-mast ship. During the trip they encountered a severe storm, which carried away the middle topmast. On reaching the United States they continued their journey by way of the Hudson river to Albany, where they boarded a canal boat for Bufflao. They passed through the city of Rochester, New York, on the 4th of July, and, knowing nothing of the celebration of our national independence day, the travelers were badly frightened by the cannonading and the firing of musketry, thinking their lives endangered. On reaching Buffalo they boarded a steamer for Milwaukee, and from that place went by team to a farm near Lisbon, Wisconsin. The father died, in Dane county, only a few days after reaching the Badger State, of cholera, from which dread disease the youngest son also died. Another son, Andrew, was thought to be dead for a short time but life was not extinct and he survived for five years, passing away in Waseca. After the death of her first husband the mother became the wife of John Holverson, and both died in Clifton, Monroe county, Wisconsin.

The gentleman of whom we write was reared in the land of his birth, his boyhood and youth being quietly passed, and when he had arrived at the years of maturity he chose as a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Miss Caroline Erickson, daughter of Erick Olde Olderson. The wedding was celebrated June 30, 1848, ere their emigration to America. The lady was born March 12, 1822, in Roilkroin, Norway, and is the eldest of ten children, of whom four daughters and a son are yet living, but Mrs. Mikkelsen is the only one in America. Her parents both died in Norway, the father in his eightieth year, while the mother passed away at the advanced age of ninety-two.

In 1852 our subject and his wife came with the Mikkelsen family to the New World

and on reaching Lisbon, Wisconsin, he purchased an acre of land. Afterward he borrowed $100, for which he paid an interest of $35, and with this he secured two forty-acre tracts. His prosperity began with his life in America, yet it did not come to him without much hard labor. He lived in the locality known as Norwegian Gap for six years, and then came, in 1864, to Minnesota. With two yoke of oxen and two wagons he made the journey, passing through the towns of Minnesota Lake and Walnut Lake and coming to Lura township, where he secured a claim of 160 acres. As this was Government land, it was entirely unimproved, not a furrow having been turned or an improvement made upon it. A little log cabin was erected, 14 x 16 feet, near the site of his present fine home, and through the roof ran the stove-pipe, for no chimney was built on that primitive home. No timber was upon the place, but now a beautiful grove surrounds the residence and its grateful shade is appreciated through the hot summer months when old Sol's rays would else be almost unendurable. The usual hardships and experiences of frontier life came to Mr. and Mrs. Mikkelsen, but they made the best of everything, cheering and sustaining one another, and many happy days were seen in the cabin home. At length that primitive structure gave place to the modern residence which we see to-day and which was erected in 1884. Near it is a fine windmill, which draws its waters from a well to the depth of 150 feet. Good barns and other outbuildings provide for the care and shelter of grain and stock, and the Mikkelsen place is regarded, and justly so, as one of the finest farms of Lura township. The owner after a busy life is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil, and no one is more deserving the luxury of rest than he.

The family which Mr. and Mrs. Mikkelsen have reared are an honor to them, a fact which indicates loving care and guidance. Four sons and two daughters grace their union, and we give brief mention of them as follows: Michael is now a practicing physician of the thriving city of Wells, which, at the time of his father's arrival here, contained only one log cabin, as a nucleus of the present town. The Doctor is a graduate ef the Keokuk Medical College, also of the Chicago Medical College, and is now doing a good business. Ole has a fine home in Delavan, Minnesota, where he is engaged in dealing in agricultural implements. Hilger is the wife of Alexander Easterwood, who follows farming near Jackson Lake, Faribault county. Erick, born in March, 1857, died in 1867, and was laid to rest in Lura cemetery. Martha, a graduate of the Mankato Normal school, was employed as a teacher in Mankato for two years, taught for three years in Marshall, this State, and in the Probart district school for three terms. She was very successful in the line of her chosen work, and is now employed as a teacher in the high school in Seattle, Washington. For nearly fifteen years she has followed this profession, pursuing her studies to some extent in the meantime, and her abilities are widely recognized. Knute A., the youngest child, and his father's namesake, is a grain-buyer of Delevan, Faribault county. The children have all become useful men and women who bring credit to the worthy name they bear.

Mr. Mikkelsen cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan, and since the inception of the Republican party has never failed to cast a ballot for the national nomi-

nees of that organization. He and his family are faithful members of the Norwegian Lutheran Church. They have in their home an old Norwegian Bible which was printed in 1751 and has been in possession of the family for over a century,—a cherished heirloom. Mrs. Mikkelsen is a well-preserved lady of seventy-two years and through forty-seven years has been a faithful companion and helpmeet to her husband, sharing with him in the joys and sorrows of life, its adversity and prosperity. All who know her hold her in high regard for the many excellencies of her character, to which we are glad here to pay tribute. The honored pioneer whose name begins this record needs no word of praise to commend him to the people of Faribault county, for all know of his honorable, upright life. He has undergone no thrilling experiences, but has lived quietly and unassumingly, performing each task as it came to him in a conscientious and loyal manner. His earnest toil, his perseverance and his good management have brought him prosperity,—the just reward of earnest effort. He has aided in the development of his adopted county, has watched its progress and growth, and has withheld his support from no interest calculated to prove of universal benefit. His name is untarnished, his record clear, and in future generations his descendants may point with pride to their American progenitor.

KARL KNABE came to Jackson county in 1882 and located in Petersburg township. He is a native of Schwartze, Balkenheim, Saxony, born February 16, 1845, and is a son of Anton and Concordia (Koch) Knabe, and is the eldest of five children. His mother was twice married, her first husband being a Mr. Loertz, by whom she has two living children,—Bertha, who married Christian Meyer, a resident of Watonwan county, Minnesota; and Henry, a farmer of Will county, Illinois. Of the five children of the second marriage only two survive,—our subject and Adelaide, wife of Fred Grube, of Will county, Illinois. The mother resides with her daughter Bertha in Watonwan county. The father of our subject died in Eagle Lake, Washington township, Will county, at the age of forty-four years. The mother is now in the eighty-fifth year of her age.

In 1853 the family left Bremen for New York and were forty-nine days on the voyage, coming over on a three-masted sailing vessel, the Hermann. On their arrival at New York they proceeded at once to Chicago, and from that city moved to Crete, Illinois, where they rented and worked a small farm. Our subject received a good common-school education and was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. On the 14th of November, 1872, he married Dorothea Sturm, a native of Hanover, Germany, born December 25, 1856. She accompanied her parents to Illinois and located in Eagle Lake, Will county, where her father died, at the age of sixty-two, and where her mother yet resides. There were nine children of this family: Christian, born September 14, 1874, in Washington, Will county; Adelaide, better known as Ida, born January 26, 1877, in Washington, Illinois; Karl, born February 27, 1879, in Will county; Henry, born October 5, 1881, in Will county; Emil, born in Petersburg, Jackson county, Minnesota, January 31, 1884; Frederick, born March 13, 1886; Anna, born February 28, 1889; John, born

N. J. Knight

March 8, 1891; Dorothea, born November 29, 1894.

In 1882 Mr. Knabe removed with his family to Jackson county and first purchased 120 acres in Washington township, where he resided about eleven years, then sold and purchased 160 acres of Andrew Peters, on section 8, Petersburg township.

Politically Mr. Knabe is a Republican, but in 1872 voted the liberal ticket, on which Horace Greeley ran for president. He has served one year on the Board of Supervisors and has held other minor offices. He is a man well-respected and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

WASHINGTON ZACHARIAH HAIGHT, a manufacturer and leading citizen of Winnebago City, Faribault county, Minnesota, was born in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1839, son of Nelson and Harriet N. (McCabe) Haight.

The Haight family is of English origin, and was founded in this country by three brothers who came in the early Colonial times. As they were all preachers, it is safe to infer that they left their native land on account of religious persecutions. The grandfather of the gentleman whose name heads this notice was Benjamin Haight, who served as a soldier in the war of 1812. For several years he was a resident of Delaware county, New York, where he married Phoebe Ruff, a native of the Empire State and of Scotch descent. He was a man of considerable prominence, being identified with public affairs. About 1837 he removed with his family to Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, dying when well advanced in years.

The ancestry of Mrs. Harriet N. Haight is as follows: Steven McCabe and Mary, *nee* Smith, Irish, were the parents of Samuel McCabe, who was born October 26, 1777, at Bethlehem, Hunterdon county, New Jersey. September 23, 1801, he married Melicent Boice, who was born November 5, 1783, in Schaghticoke, Rensselaer county, New York, a daughter of Johoida Boice and Melicent, *nee* Keeler, from Germany; and Mr. Samuel McCabe was the father of Harriet N., who was born April 12, 1817, in Coeymans, Delaware county, New York, the seventh in a family of eleven. Samuel McCabe was a man of considerable prominence, owning a sawmill and tannery and taking great interest in public affairs. He and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Nelson Haight was born in Dutchess county, New York, August 2, 1808, and married Harriet N. McCabe, of Irish-German parents, February 12, 1834. About three years later they removed to Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Haight was engaged in the lumber business for some years. In 1853 he came to Minnesota, locating at Caledonia, Houston county, on 160 acres of Government land. Mr. Haight built a log house and made other improvements, and resided there until 1864, when he moved to Faribault county, settling in Lura township, on a homestead of 160 acres. He made substantial improvements, and continued to occupy that place until within a few months of his death, when he made his home with his son, the subject of this sketch. Both he and his good wife were consistent, faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was a Class-leader and Steward

for many years. His death occurred in 1881, and his wife survived him ten years, dying April 8, 1891. Of their family of twelve children, eight are living, viz.: Mary E., wife of Roswell Deming, of Winnebago City; Melicent, wife of Thomas Kirkman, of Jefferson county, Pennsylvania; W. Z., the subject of this sketch; Louisa, who married A. J. Armstrong of Delavan township, Faribault county; Laura V., wife of Lorenzo Tabor, a farmer of Martin county; Marquis de La Fayette, of Colorado; Caroline M., widow of Charles Brown, and residing at Easton, Faribault county; and Jeanette, wife of Ole Lindahl, of Winnebago City.

Washington Z. Haight was reared on a farm and received a good education at the common school. He first left his home at the age of twenty-five years, after having had for several years the management of the home place, and engaged in the agricultural implement business at Mankato and Wells, this State, and soon afterward patented a peat machine. After remaining in Wells for three years, manufacturing large quantities of peat, and selling several of his machines, his next business venture was that of boring wells at Easton. Realizing the necessity of having better tools for this important industry, he again set his inventive genius to work, and in 1876 he invented and patented a complete well-boring machine, and commenced its manufacture and sale at Easton. The increasing demand for this product made it imperative that he should have better facilities for manufacturing and shipping, and in 1878 he removed his entire plant to Winnebago City, where he purchased seven lots on Main and Mill streets and erected his present commodious shops and office. This industry now gives employment to about fifteen men, and is the most important manufacturing business in the county. He has been obliged to give up his various agencies for the implements made by other companies, and now devotes his entire attention to the manufacture of the many different appliances used in boring and drilling wells. His market covers many States and extends westward to the Pacific coast. He has built up a profitable and constantly increasing business, and is ranked among the substantial business men of the place.

Since coming to Winnebago City Mr. Haight has taken an active interest in all matters of a public nature, and has assisted materially in developing the present financial prosperity of his chosen town. In educational matters also he has ever taken a commendable part; has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the public schools, and is a member of the executive board of Parker College. He is a member of the Building and Loan Association; president of the Farmers' Warehouse Company; of the Winnebago City Brick & Tile Company, and at present is president of the Southern Minnesota Telephone Exchange; is a member of the Driving Park and Live-Stock Company, and a stockholder in the four latter companies, holding an official position on the executive board of each. In political matters he is a supporter of the Republican party, in social relations is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in religion both himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a Steward.

December 3, 1865, Mr. Haight married Miss Clarissa A. Woodard, of Caledonia, Minnesota. Her father, Sheldon Woodard, was born in 1815, in the State of New York, and emigrated to Venango county, Penn-

sylvania, in 1842, where he married Elizabeth Foster, in 1844, and had three children in Pennsylvania: Clarissa A., already mentioned, born March 22, 1846; Angeline P.; and Sylvester, deceased. Mr. Woodard moved to Minnesota, Houston county, in 1857, where Hiram was born. The occupation which Mr. Woodard followed during life was farming. Mr. and Mrs. Haight have had seven children, five of whom are now living, namely: Milo M.; Warren W., Hiram H., Eddie E. and Forest E. Delia A; and Alta M. are deceased.

J. B. HILL has longer resided in Minnesota Lake, his present place of abode, than any other of its citizens, and is one of the honored pioneers of Faribault county. He is now living retired, enjoying a well earned rest, and it is with pleasure that we present to our readers this record of his career. His name is inseparably connected with the history of the community, and the work of development and progress was materially forwarded by his earnest efforts.

Mr. Hill was born in Smithboro, Tioga county, New York, July 7, 1824, in a home on the bank of the famed Susquehanna river. His parents were Ira G. and Sarah (Murray) Hill and belongs to one of the early families of the Empire State. His father was born in Orange county, New York, August 10, 1800, and his parents were John and Susan (McIntosh) Hill, the former of Welsh descent and the latter of Scotch lineage. The grandfather of our subject reared his family in Orange county, and there Ira G. lived until 1823, when he removed to Tioga county, becoming one of its leading and influential citizens, taking an active and commendable interest in everything that pertained to the welfare of the community. He supported Andrew Jackson for the presidency, afterward joined the Whig party and was an untiring worker in the campaign for "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too." On the inception of the Republican party he joined its ranks and never failed to cast his ballot for its presidential nominees. At the election of 1888 he was one of three who had voted for William Henry Harrison, and now went to the polls at Waverly to cast a ballot for the illustrious grandson of the Tippecanoe hero, Benjamin Harrison. Throwing up his hat with all his old-time ardor, he souted, "Tippecanoe and his grandson, too." He died in March, 1890, and was laid to rest in the town cemetery.

The mother of our subject was born in Orange county, New York, March 3, 1800, and died in Chemung county, New York, January 21, 1854. She was a true Christian woman, adhering to the Methodist faith. To Mr. and Mrs. Hill were born eight children, and with the exception of two all were natives of Tioga county, New York. Felix, born July 15, 1823, died in Verona township, Faribault county, in 1886, having there resided since 1863. He offered his services to the Government during the late war, but was rejected on account of physical disability. The family, however, was well represented in the struggle, there being three sons, three sons-in-law and a grandson of Ira Hill in the Union army. J. B. is the second son in order of birth in the family. Susan, born August 21, 1820, became the wife of William Hoover, of Vivian, Waseca county, Minnesota, and died at the age of fifty-four years, while Mr. Hoover is now living retired in

Waseca; Mary Jane became the wife of R. D. Squires, and for some years they carried on a hotel in Black River Falls, Wisconsin; Amy L., born March 8, 1830, died May 4, 1832; Julia, born January 13, 1832, married J. C. Squires, a brother of her sister's husband, and they became early residents of Waushara county, Wisconsin, but after some years returned to Tioga county, New York, where the lady died, at the age of fifty-one years. Charles M., born August 25, 1835, in Chemung county, New York, participated in the battle of the Wilderness, where he lost his left leg by the bursting of a shell. He became a resident of Faribault county in 1872, but in 1878 returned to Waverly, New York, where he is now living. Clarissa, born November 29, 1839, in Ridgebury, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, died September 13, 1840, and was buried there.

Reared on the home farm until sixteen years of age, he then began to learn the shoemaker's trade, serving a four years' apprenticeship, during which time he lived with his employer, and received as compensation for his services his board and the privilege of attending school for the three months of the winter season. On the expiration of that term he began working in Wellsburg, New York, where for some time his wages were $13 a month, but at the close of a two years' service he was given $1 per day. He then made further preparation for life's journey.

It was at this time, on the 20th of August, 1846, that he wedded Myanda Stevens, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. C. Carr, a Presbyterian minister, who resided at Horseheads, Chemung county, six miles from the city of Elmira, New York. After forty-two years had passed this worthy couple returned to the old town in which the wedding took place and found the venerable pastor stationed at Ridgebury, Pennsylvania. A cousin of our subject, E. F. Hanlon, and Mary Jane Squires, of Black River Falls, who had witnessed the ceremony, affixed their signatures for a second reading of this document. Mrs. Hill is a native of Ridgebury, born December 16, 1828, a daughter of Eliel and Catherine (Smith) Stevens. Her father was born in New Jersey, August 4, 1784, and her mother was born in the same year in the same place. At an early age they were both left orphans and on the 28th of June, 1806, they were married by Rev. Pentecost Sweet, who had also baptized them, baptized several of their children, married several of them and at last laid the parents to rest when life's pilgrimage was over. The father died May 1, 1854, and the mother passed away July 17, 1854. Their family numbered five sons and six daughters,—Mary, Eliza, Anna, Naomi, Permelia, Amy, William, Norman, Jacob, Myanda and Jacob C. We herewith give a brief record of the surviving members of the family: Anna, wife of Jasper Roberts, a resident of Ridgebury; she was born at Horseheads, Chemung county, January 29, 1801; William, born December 25, 1816, is a farmer of Chemung county; J. C., born June 3, 1826, followed farming for a time but now carries on agricultural pursuits, his home being in Ridgebury. Mrs. Hill is the fourth and youngest of the living children.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill began their domestic life in Wellsburg, New York, where they continued for about two and a half years, then went to Athens, that State, living for a year at the junction of the Susquehanna and Chemung rivers. In the spring of 1850 he sought a home in Wisconsin. Leaving

Chemung, he went to Elmira, New York, thence to Jefferson City, by lake to Geneva, on the New York Central Railroad to Buffalo and by lake to Detroit. He made his way to the home of his uncle living about twenty-five miles from Detroit, but after a week went to Milwaukee, where he formed an acquaintance with a Mr. Petit, who was conducting a grocery at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and was at that time securing a stock of goods for his store. Mr. Hill then went to that place, where he hired a team and started on a prospecting tour through the then new State. He visited Rosendale, Ripon, Dartford and several other places, and at length purchased eighty acres of land near Princeton, Wisconsin. This he afterward sold, at a profit, and removed to another point, where he worked at blacksmithing and in running an engine at the Beckwith sawmill, in the winter of 1854–5. While living there Mr. Hill served as one of the Supervisors of the town and was also Justice of the Peace two terms. He also joined the Odd Fellows society there, having first become a member of that fraternity in the year 1848, in Smithfield, New York.

After seven years' residence in the Badger State Mr. Hill sold his property, amounting to $1,700, and came to Minnesota, reaching Waseca county on the 3d of July, 1857, a year before the admission of the State into the Union. He secured a desirable location on the Cobb river, thus obtaining timber, water and rich farming land, and afterward platted eighty acres and a similar tract belonging to S. L. Dagget, being associated in this work with Buell Welch, Isaac Price and E. A. Smith, and a nice map of this property was gotten up by Mr. Smith, a copy of which was still in the possession of our subject. His farm was located on sections 30 and 31, Vivian township, and he owned the first horse, cow and sheep in that section. His wife was the only lady living in the locality at the time, and thus one may gain an idea of the unsettled and wild condition of the country. In Waseca county Mr. Hill was soon recognized as a leading and influential citizen, was called to all the offices in his township and also was elected a member of the County Board of Supervisors. He was also once a candidate for the office of Sheriff and was officially connected with the schools, being a warm friend and stalwart supporter of the cause of education.

Mr. Hill's peaceful labors were interrupted on the 26th of February, 1864, by his enlistment in Company F, Tenth Wisconsin Infantry, serving until honorably discharged at Fort Snelling, August 19, 1865, after the cessation of hostilites. He was appointed by Henry A. Swift, Governor of Minnesota, as First Lieutenant of the Twentieth Regiment of the State militia, his appointment bearing date August 15, 1863.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hill have been born two children: Viola S., born January 10, 1851, is the wife of R. W. Gale, who for three years was engaged in buying grain for Corgle Brothers of La Crosse, Wisconsin, but now makes his home in Minneapolis, where for thirteen years he has lived. Myron V., the only son, was born May 15, 1855, and is an enterprising business man of Minnesota Lake. He served as Postmaster during President Arthur's administration, is a graduate of the Chicago Veterinary College and is now practicing his profession. He wedded Miss Mattie Dwyer, a native of Oneida county, New York. Her father, George Dwyer, on coming to Minnesota, located in Houston county, and is now living

in Whalen, Fillmore county. Four children have been born to Myron Hill and his wife, -Eva Anna, Archie, Vard and Bern, but the second and fourth are now deceased.

J. B. Hill and his sons are both members of the Masonic fraternity, the former belonging to Josephus Lodge, No. 128, F. & A. M. He is also connected with Harrison Post, No. 77, G. A. R. In his early life he was a warm advocate of William Henry Harrison, although not yet a voter, and Henry Clay was his idol as a statesman. He cast his first presidential vote for Taylor, and on the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks and has since been one of its stalwart supporters, voting for every presidential candidate except when Horace Greeley was a candidate.

Few men are better known in this section of the State, and none are more deserving the high regard in which he is held. A valiant soldier, an honored pioneer and a progressive citizen, he well deserves representation in this volume. He came to Minnesota in the early days when much of the State was still undeveloped, and in the work of progress and advancement he has borne an important part. He can relate many interesting incidents of frontier life and among the early settlers he is widely known. His life has been well spent, his career is a straightforward, upright one, and throughout the community he is held in the highest esteem. His was the first home in Minnesota Lake, the dwelling being a small frame structure, unplastered, which was moved from his farm to the site of the village. This was replaced in 1887 with a commodious, pleasant and modern residence, and there Mr. Hill and his most estimable wife are spending their declining years surrounded by many friends.

HENRY C. GOHDE, a member of the firm of Bieri & Gohde, dealers in agricultural implements in Wells, is one of the worthy citizens whom the Fatherland has furnished to Faribault county. He was born in Hanover, on the 6th of February, 1843, and is the eldest in a family of five children, two sons and three daughters, the others being Sophia, who is happily married and lives in Germany; Frederick, who resides near the village of his nativity, where he is conducting a flour-mill, having followed that business for many years; Diedrich, who is also engaged in milling, not far from the old home; and Catherine, who is married and lives in the land of her birth. The father of this family was an honorable and honored gentleman, and had many friends in the community where he made his home, but

"All that live must die,
Passing through nature to eternity,"

and the father was called to the home beyond this life at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, who shared with him in the joys and sorrows of life, and was indeed a companion and helpmeet to him, was laid to rest near by. Both were faithful members of the German Methodist Church.

Henry C. Gohde acquired his education in his native tongue, attending the common schools. At the age of twenty-four, attracted by the advantages and opportunities which report said the New World furnished to young men, he emigrated to America, embarking at Havre, and arriving at New York twelve days later. Six days subsequent he had reached Faribault county, Minnesota, and during the first year after his arrival engaged in general work. He then went to Freeborn, this State, where he secured work in a flour-mill, and while serv-

ing there the mill was destroyed by fire. Thus thrown out of employment, he was sent to the branch mill in Fillmore, where he continued until it also was destroyed in a severe wind storm. Being a good workman, however, Mr. Gohde had no trouble in securing work, and came to Wells in the employ of Beecher Brothers, with whom he continued for four years, engaged in milling. Shortly after this he bought a mill in Fillmore county, which he successfully conducted for more than a year, when he sold to Benedict Johnson and returned to Faribault county. He is one of the best-known millers of southeastern Minnesota, and for a time carried on a mill in Easton, conducting the first one ever built there. He ran a mill in different points in Faribault county, also in Fillmore and Freeborn counties. On selling his mill in Easton to Hosea Quimby he again came to Wells and bought and carried on a feed mill for several years. Energy and enterprise, good business ability and careful, capable management have brought him a high degree of success. After selling his mill to Benedict Johnson, he purchased 200 acres of land. He has owned many hundred acres of land in different parts of Faribault county, and is still the possessor of some valuable farm property. His time and attention in business hours are given to his store, and the firm of Bieri & Gohde is prospering, receiving from the public a good trade, which is constantly increasing. They have a large and well-appointed establishment, carrying everything needed upon a farm in the way of machinery and tools.

On tne 3d of January, 1876, Mr. Gohde wedded Miss Louisa Weden, a daughter of John Weden, and a descendant of a German family; she was born in Ozaukee county, Wisconsin, September 1, 1858. Her father died at the home of Peter Peterson, of Milwaukee, his son-in-law, while the mother died in Ozaukee county. Mr. and Mrs. Gohde have two children,—Frederick, born January 3, 18—, and Henry, born December 20, 1884.

Since casting his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant, Mr. Gohde has supported the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking, although in Wells he has been called upon to serve in the City Council, and while residing in Rice Lake was a member of the Board of Supervisors. Socially he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, belonging to the lodge in Wells. He is a charitable and benevolent man, a friend to the poor and needy, and possesses many excellencies of character which have won him the high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gohde is noted for its hospitality, and they delight in gathering their many friends about their fireside, where all are made welcome.

TIMOTHY J. PROBORT, one of the honored pioneers of Faribault county and also a worthy representative of a prominent pioneer family of Wisconsin, has for many years been identified with the growth and upbuilding of this locality, and has been an important factor in its progress. He has aided in transforming the wild land into rich and fertile fields and has given his willing support to all enterprises calculated to promote the general welfare. From no interest calculated to prove of public benefit does he withhold his co-operation, and he is widely rec-

ognized as one of the valued citizens of his adopted county.

Mr. Probort is a native of New York, born in Leroy, Genesee county, March 7, 1837, and comes of a family of English origin. His father, John Probort, was born in Herefordshire, England, October 20, 1780, and after he had arrived at years of maturity was united in marriage with Miss Esther Meredith. Their marriage was blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters, but only one is now living. Margaret died in Ionia county, Michigan; John, one of the early settlers of that State, is still engaged in farming in Ionia county; Thomas died in the same county, as did the youngest of the family, Mary, who was the wife of Michael Meisser, also now deceased. The mother of this family passed away in Herefordshire. About 1821 John wedded Mrs. Allie E. Westover, who had one child that was born April 5, 1817. This lady was born June 24, 1794, and died June, 1873, at the home of J. B. Ketchum in Rochester, Minnesota, where she was laid to rest.

After leaving his native land and crossing the Atlantic to America, the father of our subject was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Sallie (Scott) Westover, and to them were born eight children, a brief record of whom is herewith given: Sally Maria, born March 1, 1823, is now living in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, the widow of Lyman Bishop, who was a harness-maker of that city in the early days of its history. Luther M., born April 16, 1825, is a harness-maker by trade, but is now living a retired life. In 1864 he became a resident of St. Charles township, Winona county, Minnesota, and carried on harness-making there for a number of years. About two years since he removed to Seattle, Washington, where he now makes his home with his daughter, Lula. Simeon T., born October 15, 1827, became a resident of Wisconsin in its Territorial days, going there with the Banisters in 1846. He died not long after in Dodge county. Seth S., born November 30, 1829, came with our subject to Faribault county and shared with him inthe trials and hardships of life on the frontier. He was the first school clerk of his district, which at that time also comprised the town of Lura, and served as Supervisor of Lura township. He died of congestion of the lungs and liver at the home of his brother, "Tim," January 15, 1875. Edward L., born March 8, 1832, was for many years a well-known figure of St. Paul, prominently connected with the history of that community in early days. He was a stage-driver for some time, did much to locate homes and people and was familiar with nearly every family and with every phase of civilization of the county at that time. When last heard from he was in the Tin Tick mining district of Utah, engaged in agricultural pursuits. Permelia Lucinda, born July 8, 1834, became the wife of N. H. Clemens and died in Lockport, New York, in 1853, while on the way from Wisconsin to Syracuse, New York. Her husband has been connected with Dodge county, Minnesota, from the early '50s, and has ever borne his part in the upbuilding of the community. Timothy James, of this sketch, is the next younger. Esther Loretty, born October 3, 1840, is the wife of I. B. Catchum, a carpenter who has made his home in Minneapolis, Minnesota, since 1867.

John Probort, the father of this family, followed stock-raising in the land of his nativity, but in New York carried on general farming. In the year 1846 he emigrated to Dodge county, Wisconsin. He cast in his

lot with its early settlers, and began life in the West in true pioneer style. He erected a log cabin and began to clear away the dense forest trees that the bright sunlight might shine down upon the little home. This was indeed a frontier region; there were no highways, and the route to Milwaukee and Chicago was marked by blazed trees; Indians still visited the neighborhood, and wild game of all kinds, native to this place, abounded and furnished many a meal to the settlers, when otherwise the larder would have been but scantily supplied. Mr. Probort continued the work of clearing and developing his land, and aided in the labors of progress and civilization for about seven years, when he was called from the rude home on the frontier to the home beyond this life, where all labor is over and the weary are at rest.

The stricken widow, with the assistance of her noble and dutiful son, Timothy James, contiuued the work which had been so well begun and carried on by the husband and father. The farm, comprising eighty acres, became the property of Seth and our subject, and in 1860 the brothers sold out and, with their mother, went to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, then a small hamlet, while the country round was just opening up to civilization. There the gentleman whose name heads this record spent the spring and summer months at general work, in the autumn was employed in the harvest fields, and in the winter season was employed in a sawmill. He also visited historic Sheboygan with a view of carrying mail through the forest belt into Juneau county and points in Dodge county. In 1862 he started for Minnesota, leaving his home in the Badger State on the 27th of May with two yoke of splendid oxen and a covered wagon, reaching Owatonna on the 10th of June, accompanied by his wife and two children,—Permelia, then four years old, and Lyman, aged two months; also his brother Seth. In Crane Creek, Steele county, he left his wife and children and started out in search of a favorable location. He made his way to Faribault county and was so well pleased with the land in this locality and with the future prospects that he made a claim, securing 160 acres of land on section 11, Lura township. It was a barren tract on which was not a stone or stick in the way of improvement, but Mr. Probort was familiar with frontier life, and past experiences well-fitted him for a career on Minnesota prairies. The settlers made their way to neighboring forests to secure firewood and went long distances to market and mill.

Our subject dates his arrival here from June 13, 1862. Upon the southwest quarter of section 11 he planted four poles, and upon these, turned upside down, he placed his wagon-bed, and this structure, supplemented by some temporary siding, was the home of the family until the time of the Indian scare about the middle of August. At that time they left the dangerous neighborhood and removed four miles northeast of Owatonna, where Mr. Probort rented a farm, operating it through the following season. In November, 1863, he returned to his deserted farm and erected a frame dwelling 16 x 18 feet, with an L 12 x 18 feet, hauling the lumber for the purpose from Hastings and from Waseca, a journey of twelve days with oxen from the former place. Only those who have lived in an unsettled region can know of the trials which come to the pioneer and the difficulties and obstacles to be surmounted; yet such a life is not without its pleasures and a hospitality and friendli-

ness is found unknown to the population of the crowded cities.

One of the most important events in the life of Mr. Probort occurred on the 10th of September, 1857, when was celebrated his marriage to Miss Martha Hodge, the ceremony being performed by Justice Ribble, of Horicon, Wisconsin. This estimable and highly esteemed lady is a daughter of Alfred and Elizabeth (Chapman) Hodge, and a native of Oceana county, Michigan, born March 14, 1841. She is the youngest and only survivor of five children, the others having died when quite young, in this county. Her father was born in Middlesex county, Connecticut, March 18, 1790, and valiantly aided his country in the second war with England,—the war of 1812. He was twice married. On the 25th of April, 1811, he wedded Sarah Strafton, who was born in Worcester county, Connecticut, December 31, 1790, and died in the Territory of Michigan, October 12, 1826. By that union were born eleven children. The mother of Mrs. Probort was born April 2, 1801, and her death occurred at Waupun, Wisconsin, in the fall of 1863.

Though living upon a wild prairie, some distance from friends and neighbors, the home of our subject and his wife was nevertheless made bright and happy by the presence of a family of three sons and four daughters: Permelia Lucinda, the eldest, was born in the village of Theresa, Dodge county, Wisconsin, June 10, 1858, and died in the thirty-first year of her age; she was the wife of A. D. Catlin, who is now conducting a new hotel in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. The second child, born in Theresa, died in her infancy. Lyman Bishop wedded Miss Jerusha Catlin and has three interesting children,—Flossie, Hazel and Annie May. Jessie May was born in Lura township, December 10, 1863, and is the wife of William H. Quimby, of Easton, Minnesota. Charles Edward, born April 25, 1866, is a lineman of Perry county, Iowa, having a division from Council Bluffs. Freddie Leslie, born July 10, 1868, follows farming on section 11, Lura township; Effie Lyda, born July 12, 1870, is the wife of John Bachelle, who carries on agricultural pursuits on section 22, Lura township.

The pretty home in which Mr. and Mrs. Probort now reside was erected in 1890, and is a pleasant and commodious structure now supplied with not only the necessaries of life but also with many of its luxuries. It is the abode of hospitality, and the many friends of the family are always sure to receive a there hearty welcome. The farm comprises 288 acres of rich land, which is now well cultivated and bears little resemblance to the new tract which he secured some thirty years ago. All the improvements upon the farm were placed there by the enterprising owner and stand as monuments to his practical and progressive spirit and his well-spent life. His duties of citizenship have always been faithfully performed, and true to the trust reposed in him he is ever found. By his ballot he supports the Republican party, and by his fellow townsmen he has been called to several official positions, having served for several terms as chairman of the Town Board of Supervisors, and in several school offices, in which he has been enabled to do effective service for the cause of education, of which he is a warm friend. Socially he is connected with Easton Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F. The lives of many men have been replete with more exciting and dramatic incidents than that of Mr. Probort, but in Faribault county

there is no citizen who has done more for the county according to his opportunities or is more deserving the high esteem in which he is universally held.

C. W. APLEY, who is engaged in business in Minnesota Lake as a dealer in hardware and general farm machinery, has since 1875 been devoted to and connected with the best interests of this community. He is a native of Highland county, Ohio, born October 10, 1844, and is a son of Loraine and Mary (Elgin) Apley. The father was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, in 1810, and is of French descent, the family having been founded by French ancestors who settled in Connecticut in the eighteenth century. For some years he was a jeweler and engraver. He resided in Hillsboro, Ohio, for a quarter of a century and there departed this life, at the age of forty-five years. Though never seeking political preferment, he was called to the office of Probate Judge of Highland county and served with ability and faithfulness. In politics he was an old-line Whig. His wife was born in Winchester, Virginia, in 1815, and when very young lost her parents. She then went to live with relatives who later emigrated to Ohio. Her death occurred in Hillsboro, in 1868. By her marriage she became the mother of three children: Amanda, now the wife of John Creed, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska; C. W., of this sketch; and Mary F., who is living with her sister in Omaha.

In the public schools of Hillsboro, Ohio, C. W. Apley began his education, which was completed with a three-years course in the Hillsboro Academy. At the early age of seventeen he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company D, Sixtieth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. On the 8th of August, 1862, he donned the blue and with his command went to the front, participating in the battle of Cross Keys in the Shenandoah valley with Stonewall Jackson's troops and was mustered out August 26, 1863, from the Little York Hospital in Pennsylvania, where he had been confined by illness. When he had recovered his health he was chosen as Second Lieutenant and general recruiting officer of the Fifth district of Ohio to raise the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio regiment, and was promoted in September, 1864, to the First Lieutenancy and acted as Quartermaster until December. From Camp Dennison he went with his command to Columbia, Tennessee, and participated in the battle of Franklin, where the regiment of 800 entered battle but came out with only 150. The company to which Mr. Apley was attached marched forth with sixty-four members and came out with thirty-one. He was also in the battle of Nashville, Tennessee, and after the engagement was made Captain of Company D, One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, thus serving until honorably discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio, on the 10th of July, 1865.

When the war was over Mr. Apley went to Cincinnati, where for about five years he was employed as a salesman in a wholesale clothing house. He then went upon the road as traveling salesman for the firm of Ackerman, Wylder & Freeman, and was in southern Ohio and southern Indiana for five years, winning success in that undertaking. In the fall of 1870 he went to Texas. His health failing he returned to La Crosse, Wisconsin, and secured employment at scaling logs. He also spent one winter in the

pineries of Wisconsin, and in July, 1873, went to Albert Lea, Minnesota, where he engaged in teaching school, continuing there for about two years. In the winter of 1873-4 he taught school at Rice Lake, Faribault county, Minnesota. In June, 1875, he came to Minnesota Lake and with its interests has since been identified. He first began selling machinery for the firm of P. T. Scotland, of Albert Lea, and was their traveling salesman through the summer. In the winter of 1875-6 he was employed as the teacher in the school at this place, which numbered forty-five pupils, and was held in the property now occupied by Frank Scheidt, nearly opposite the Catholic church.

In the spring of 1876 Mr. Apley formed a partnership with N. J. Kremer, which continued until 1884, when Mr. Kremer retired. That firm secured the Buckeye, and a few years later the Massillon thresher, and Mr. Kremer brought the first thresher into Faribault county. In the winter of 1887–8 Mr. Apley again taught the village school, which at that time had but one department and a membership of sixty-eight pupils. For many years he has served on the school board and no man has done more for the advancement of the cause of education in this locality, he working to secure good schools and good teachers; for he believes education to be one of the important conditions in producing good government. Since 1885 he has been engaged in the hardware business and in handling general farm machinery. In 1890 his present commodious store building was erected and is fitted out with a first-class stock of hardware and general farm machinery,—this being one of the best establishments of the kind in Faribault county.

In his political views Mr. Apley is a liberal Republican, having usually supported that party since attaining his majority. He has never sought political preferment for himself and has been officially connected only with the schools. Socially he is a charter member of Minnesota Lake Lodge, No. 131, A. O. U. W., and for the first fourteen months of its existence served as Master Workman, while for the past three years he has been Deputy Grand Master. He was the first Commander of A. R. Harrison Post, No. 77, G. A. R., which organization was named by him, and he is now serving as Adjutant.

On the 29th of December, 1885, Mr. Apley was joined in wedlock, in Woonsocket, South Dakota, with Miss Mary E. Cox, daughter of W. F. and Mary (Harding) Cox. This lady was born in Delavan township, Faribault county, March 5, 1865. Early in the '60s her parents emigrated to Minnesota from New Castle, Maine, and located in Delavan township. The grandparents, John Daniel and Mary Cox, were both born on the coast of Maine and the former studied for the ministry and preached in the Methodist Church for many years. He died in the Pine Tree State, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, and his wife there passed away when little past the age of forty. The great-grandfather, Daniel Cox, Sr., was a native of England, and, crossing the ocean, founded the family in America. The father of Mrs. Apley, Frank Cox, emigrated westward in 1862 and purchased from the Government 160 acres of land about two miles south of the village of Delavan. Here he lived until 1885, when he removed to Woonsocket, South Dakota. He was born on the 4th of March, 1844, and his wife was born in Maine, October 10, 1847. They became the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters,

namely: Mrs. Apley; Nellie, wife of E. Seffens, a school-teacher in Adrian, Nobles county, Minnesota; Charles, a farmer of Woonsocket, South Dakota; Ida and Mabel, at home; Wilbur and Frank, who are still under the parental roof. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Apley, Josiah Harding, also emigrated to this country from England. He was a vessel owner and after determining to make his home in America, engaged in fishing on the coast. He was born in 1794 and died in the eighty-sixth year of his age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lucinda Rider, was born in England in June, 1800, and lived to celebrate her seventy-fourth birthday.

Three children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Apley: Mary Beryl, born November 11, 1886; Charles Wilbur, born June 1, 1889; and Loraine, born February 11, 1891. This is an interesting family, well known throughout the community in which they reside. Their home is pleasantly located just two blocks from the store, and is a pretty residence, neatly and tastefully furnished and supplied with the comforts of life. The place was erected in 1889. Mr. Apley is a good and great man,--great in what is known as the nobler qualities of manhood, and possesses a depth of character and strict adherence to principle that excites the admiration of all. He is also great in his devotion to public interests, in promoting enterprises which add to the material prosperity and enhance the general welfare.

HENRY C. SHUFELT, residing on a farm in section 18, Winnebago City township, Faribault county, is one of the representative pioneers of southern Minnesota.

Mr. Shufelt was born in Vermont, November 10, 1831, son of George and Alvira (Glover) Shufelt, who were of Holland descent. About 1854 his parents left the Green Mountain State and took up their abode in Winnebago county, Wisconsin, where they passed the residue of their lives and died. Henry C. was reared on a farm in his native State and received his education in the common schools of the neighborhood in which he lived. After his marriage, which event occurred in 1852, he settled down on a farm in Vermont, and continued to reside there for two years. He then sought a home in the West. For six years he was engaged in farming in Winnebago county, Wisconsin, and at the end of that time came from there to Minnesota, first settling in Rice county, and two years later coming to Faribault county and locating upon the land he still owns and occupies. He secured title to this farm under the homestead act; and here for thirty-five years he has lived and prospered. He now has a beautiful home, shaded by trees of his own planting, his farm is well improved with good barns, fences, grove, etc., and an air of general thrift prevails.

August 28, 1852, at Enosburg, Vermont, Mr. Shufelt married Miss Alice Joynt, a native of county Limerick, Ireland. She came to America when twelve years of age, in company with an aunt, and afterward was joined by her mother and sisters. For some years she lived with an uncle and aunt in New Jersey, where she received a fair education. Mr. and Mrs. Shufelt have had five children, only one of whom, William Henry, is living. He was married July 1, 1892, to Miss Delia Bartholomew, a native of Marquette county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Dexter and Ellen (Jones) Bar-

tholomew, the former a native of Jefferson county, New York, and the latter of Wales. Some years ago her parents settled in Blue Earth county, Minnesota, and there, November 26, 1893, her father died. Her mother is still a resident of that county.

Politically, Mr. H. C. Shufelt has been a Republican since the organization of that party. He has held the office of Supervisor in his township and has also filled other local offices. December 14, 1863, he enlisted in Company H, Second Minnesota Cavalry, and served during the Indian troubles, being on duty until November 20, 1865, when he was discharged on account of disability. He is a member of James Clabaugh Post, No. 54, G. A. R.

During the Indian troubles, while her husband was absent from home, Mrs. Shufelt and her nine-year-old son remained alone, and were here at the time the Root family were massacred by the Indians, seven miles north of her shanty. Many were the hardships and trials she endured in the early years of their residence on the frontier, but she proved herself equal to every emergency. For the past fourteen years she has been an invalid, and the same courage and Christian fortitude that sustained her in early life now help her to bear up under affliction. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

D. C. MONTGOMERY, a farmer of section 17, Martin county, is a son of David and Mary Carleton Montgomery, natives of New Hampshire. They were married in that State in 1854, afterward spent nine years in Vermont, in 1864 located in Racine county, Wisconsin, and in 1881 removed to Welcome, Minnesota. Mr. Montgomery followed agricultural pursuits, also served as Surveyor of Racine county, and at Welcome was a merchant, coal dealer and Postmaster. His death occurred March 9, 1894, his wife having died in June, 1893. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Hattie Martin, of Allison, Iowa; C. T., of Welcome, this State; D. C., the subject of this sketch; Ellen Sawyer, also of that city; Mary Hill, a resident of Mankato, Minnesota; and Alice Boulette, of Pine Island, this State. He took an active interest in local affairs, having served as Selectman in New England, and as Superintendent of Schools in New Hampshire.

D. C. Montgomery was born in Whitefield, Coos county, New Hampshire, January 26, 1853. At the age of nineteen years he went to the pineries of Northern Michigan, remaining there four years; next, in company with hfs brother, C. T., rented his father's farm, and in the fall of 1880 he and his brother purchased a farm in Martin county, Minnesota. Mr. Montgomery located on his land in the following fall, and now owns 160 acres, all under cultivation. In his political relations he affiliates with the Republican party, and has served as Supervisor of Fraser township two years, as Road Overseer several years, and as Treasurer of school district No. 14.

In 1881 Mr. Montgomery was united in marriage with Elizabeth Bannister, born in Racine county, Wisconsin, February 27, 1864, a daughter of Barney Bannister, an early pioneer of that county, having resided there from young manhood until death. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery have five children,—Roswell, Charles, Elsie, David and Fannie.

HENRY EBERLEIN, proprietor of the Fair View Stock Farm of Faribault county, is a pleasant, genial gentleman who has a host of friends throughout this community, and we therefore feel assured that this record of his life will prove of interest to many of our readers. A native of Germany, he was born on the 22d of April, 1856, and is a son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Froberl) Eberlein, leading and influential German people of Blue Earth City township. They were reared and married in Germany, and there were born to them the following children: Lotta Kotzung; Ferdinand, who was a soldier in the late war and is now deceased; Ed, who also "wore the blue" during the Rebellion; George, who entered the army and laid down his life on the altar of his country; Minnie, Amanda, Charles, William Albert, Henry, Clara, and two who died in Germany. The parents of this family have traveled life's journey together as man and wife for sixty years, a record seldom equaled; and as the years have passed they have shared with each other in the joys and sorrows that checker life's pathway and their mutual love and confidence have increased.

Henry Eberlein spent the first eight years of his life in the land of his nativity, and then accompanied his parents on their emigration to America. He was reared upon a farm and early became familiar with all the duties of farm life, working in the fields from an early age. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges, and he acquired a good practical knowledge which has been of much benefit to him in his business career. He was married at the age of twenty-six years, on the 1st of June, 1883, the lady of his choice being Miss Emma Kestner, also a native of Germany, and a daughter of August and Caroline (Grabel) Kestner, who are residents of Little Falls, Minnesota. Their family numbered the following: Ernest, Rob, Emma, Gusta, Tracy and Lena. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Eberlein has been blessed with a family of three children,—Minnie Tracy, Earl Henry and Emma Caroline Elizabeth.

Upon his marriage our subject located upon the farm belonging to his brother, William, and made his home there for several years, or until 1887, when by purchase he secured a farm of his own. This has since been his place of residence. The place comprises 240 acres of good land, and upon it are many fine improvements. The home is a comfortable and substantial dwelling, 16 x 24 feet, with an L 14 x 24 feet and a story and a half in height. There is a beautiful grove of six acres which adds to the value and attractive appearance of the place. Ample barns and outbuildings, which are models of convenience, provide shelter for the stock. One barn is 34 x 36 feet, another 40 x 44 feet, and he also has a livery barn in Blue Earth City. He is a breeder of and dealer in thoroughbred Norman horses and Shorthorn cattle, and has some of the finest stock in Faribault county. The Fair View Stock Farm has gained a high reputation justly deserved, and the owner deserves great credit for the acquirement of this property, for all has been obtained through his own unaided efforts.

Mr. Eberlein is a Democrat, and by his ballot upholds the principles of that party, but has neither time nor inclination for public office. He possesses a jovial disposition and sunny temperament, which wins him friends, and throughout the county he has an extended acquaintance. Almost his entire life has been passed in Minnesota, and

he takes a deep interest and commendable pride in the progress and prosperity of his adopted county.

W. B. SILLIMAN, a retired farmer and prominent resident of Blue Earth City, Minnesota, claims Ohio as the State of his nativity, having been born in Trumbull county, December 27, 1834. His father, Cornelius Silliman, was a native of Orange county, Vermont, where he was born in the year 1800, and his grandfather, David Silliman, was also born in the Green Mountain State, and was one of the heroes of the Revolution, valiantly bearing arms in defense of the cause of independence. In 1818 Cornelius Silliman emigrated to Ohio, locating in Trumbull county, where for some years he was engaged in mercantile business. He afterward secured a tract of land, heavily timbered, and began the improvement of a farm, making it one of the valuable and attractive places of the community. He served as Postmaster of Hartford, Ohio, for many years, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. In early life his political views were in harmony with the principles of the Whig party, and when the Republican party sprung into existence, as representing the body of those opposed to the further encroachments of slavery, he joined its ranks and ever afterward fought under its banner. He aided in effecting the organization of the party in a local way and was thoroughly informed on all political questions.

Cornelius Silliman was thrice married. He first wedded Cordelia Bushnell, daughter of Colonel William Bushnell, one of Trumbull county's honored pioneers. She died leaving an only child, Cordelia, who became the wife of George Quiggle, but who is now deceased. After the death of his first wife Mr. Silliman eventually consummated a second marriage, this union being with Julia Cone, daughter of Calvin Cone, another one of the early residents of the Western Reserve. This marriage was blessed with six children, all of whom reached years of maturity. Three of the number still abide, namely: Frank, who resides in Union City, Pennsylvania; W. B., whose name initiates this review; and Calvin, who is a resident of Blue Earth City. Those deceased are: Mary, who was the wife of N. S. Pratt, of Trumbull county, Ohio; Hattie, who died in Trumbull county, at the age of twenty years; and Ester B., who was the wife of Henry J. Neal and who died in Faribault county, Minnesota, January 20, 1889.

In 1854 Mr. Silliman removed with his family to Wisconsin, where he passed the residue of his life. The mother was not long permitted to enjoy her new home, being called to the life eternal on the 10th of September, 1855. In September, 1860, Mr. Silliman was united in marriage to Mrs. Dianthia B. Westbrook, of New York State, and of this union was born one child, Mary A., who makes her home with our subject. Mr. Silliman passed away August 6, 1886, and his widow also is now deceased. Both were honorable and upright in their daily walk in life, and to them was not denied the esteem and confidence so justly their due.

In taking up the personal history of the subject of this sketch we present to our readers the life record of one who is both widely and favorably known in Faribault county and who is numbered among her valued and representative citizens. His youth-

ful days were passed in assisting his father on the home farm, and he early became familiar with the labors of the field and with the duties of all other departments of farm work. His education was acquired at Hartford in his native State, where he had the pleasure of receiving instruction under Professor F. V. Hayden,—prominent in the early geological surveys of the Territories, and the one whose reports in connection with the famous Yellowstone region led to the setting apart by Congress of the famous Yellowstone National Park,—and also under Professor John Lynch. Believing that the West offered the best opportunities to young men who wished to make their own way in the world and to win prosperity, he emigrated to the new State of Wisconsin, in 1853, settling in Marquette (now Green Lake) county, where he purchased a partially improved farm, devoting his time and energies to its cultivation until his removal to Minnesota. Devotion to the business in hand, close attention to all details, and careful management have been instrumental in winning him success and have been characteristic of his entire business career.

The year 1858 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Silliman in Minnesota. In company with Henry J. Neal he walked from La Crosse, Wisconsin, to Blue Earth City, a distance of 175 miles, making the journey in seven days. They had engaged seats in the stage, but that vehicle did not overtake them, nature's method of traveling being in that instance more expeditious than that provided by man's ingenuity. Entering from the Government 160 acres of land in Jo Daviess township, Faribault county, he began the improvement of a farm and soon waving fields of grain were seen where once was grassy prairie.

On the 6th of January, 1860, was celebrated a marriage which united the destinies of Mr. Silliman and Miss Jennett More, daughter of Andrew R. More. Their home has been made happy by the presence of six children, five of whom are yet living, namely: Willard, who married Viola Anderson, and is living on the old homestead; Charles, who wedded Mary Dolliver, and follows farming in Pilot Grove township; and Frank, Jessie A. and Mamie, who are still under the parental roof. The home is noted for its hospitality, and the members of the family hold an enviable position in circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society.

Mr. Silliman's farming operations were interrupted on the 21st of October, 1862, by his enlistment in his country's service as a member of Company B, First Minnesota Mounted Rangers. During the first winter the company was stationed at St. Peters and Fort Ridgely, and in the spring of 1863 accompanied General Sibley on his expidition against the Indians in the Northwest. In February, 1865, he became a member of Company F, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, and during the remainder of the war was stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee, being mustered out of the service September 27, 1865. Although not a participant in the more notable battles of war, his service on the frontier was none the less arduous, and though it was a service that did not win the boys in blue therein concerned the renown that came to those who fought farther east, they are none the less worthy of the deep gratitude of the nation.

Returning to his home Mr. Silliman sold his farm in Jo Daviess township, and purchased 180 acres of unimproved land in

Pilot Grove township, and this he soon placed under a high state of cultivation, adding thereto from time to time until he now has a valuable tract of 400 acres of Minnesota's rich land. In connection with general farming he was for ten years engaged in dealing in baled hay, corn and oats, shipping to the pineries. In all his business enterprises he is honorable and straightforward, and the word of Mr. Silliman is as good as his bond, which everyone knows is as good as gold.

Our subject is identified with the Masonic fraternity, retaining a membership in Blue Earth City Lodge, No. 57, A. F. & A. M., and in his political views he is a Republican. His wife holds membership with the Presbyterian Church. In 1888 Mr. Silliman was elected to the office of Clerk of the Courts, which position he held for four years, winning the commendation and confidence of all concerned by reason of his faithful discharge of duties. When called to public life he removed to Blue Earth City, where he has since made his home. His life has been well spent, and though his career has not been replete with thrilling or dramatic incidents he has so lived as to merit the high regard which has been accorded him. He now "takes life easily," enjoying a well earned rest, and being recognized as a pleasant genial gentleman whose friends throughout the community are many.

WILLIAM HENRY DAHLE, who is engaged in farming near Monroe, Minnesota, was born in the Province of Hanover, Germany, August 10, 1858, son of Henry and Mary Dorothea (Lippmann) Dahle.

Mr. Dahle's paternal grandfather, Henry Dahle, was born, passed his life and died in Germany, as also did his maternal grandfather, Conrad Lippman. The latter was a tanner by trade. Henry Dahle, the father of William H., was born in Germany, March 1, 1826, and died at Palatine, Cook county, Illinois, October 23, 1880. He emigrated to America with his family in 1873, arriving at Chicago on the twenty-fourth of December. Mrs. Dahle is still a resident of Illinois. She was born in Germany, June 14, 1825, one of a family of three, the others being August and Elizabeth. August is deceased. A record of Henry and Mary Dorothea Dahle's children is as follows: Henry August, born April 8, 1852, is married and living on the home place in Illinois; William Henry, whose name heads this article; Mary, born March 7, 1864, was married January 1, 1885, to Charles Johannas, of Chicago, and they have two sons and two daughters. Besides the above named children, there were four that died when young.

William Henry Dahle remained on the home farm in Illinois until he was twenty-five years of age. He then rented a farm in Cook county that State, of Miles Church, which he occupied until 1885. That year he rented land of Dick Bozeman, located twenty-six miles west of Chicago, and made his home on it until his removal to Martin county, Minnesota. In the summer of 1885 he purchased his present farm of W. T. Hausen, and moved to it in October, 1888. This is the southwest quarter of section twenty-three, township 104, range thirty-two, and has all been brought under cultivation by Mr. Dahle. At the time of purchase it was entirely without improvement. He has set out a three-acre grove and made various other improvements, and at this

writing his farm is stocked with five horses, fifteen cattle and sixty-five hogs.

Mr. Dahle was married November 13, 1883, to Dorothea Anna, daughter of William and Sophia (Hermann) Hahn. Her father died December 12, 1870, at the age of forty-five years. Her mother is now the wife of Henry Schultz, a farmer of this county. Mrs. Dahle was born January 20, 1861. The children of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dahle are as follows: The first born died in infancy; Dorothea Anna Henrietta, born October 25, 1885; Carolina Mary Gertrude, August 5, 1887; Erue Louisa, May 25, 1889; August William, January 12, 1891; and Henry George, June 30, 1893.

He and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran Church. He was confirmed in April, 1872, and she, March 29, 1874, at Schaumburg, Illinois, by the Rev. Henry Smith. Politically, Mr. Dahle is a Republican.

DR. C. R. J. KELLAM, a physician of Heron Lake, is one of the prominent and well known citizens of the county, locating here in 1879.

He was born near Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, August 16, 1837. His father, Rev. C. R. Kellam, was a Baptist missionary, located there to preach the gospel to the Indians. He was born in 1807, in the State of Vermont, a son of Charles Kellam, a native of Wales and a Revolutionary officer. Rev. C. R. Kellam was educated in Hamilton College, and after entering the ministry he was sent West by the executive board. He married Elizabeth Pierson, a native of Harvard, Massachusetts, and a daughter of Isaac Pierson, of an old Massachusetts family, who died in 1879. She was well educated for missionary work, and finally died at the birth of the subject of this sketch, who is the only child by this marriage. His father afterward married Susan Carter and had one son, E. P. Kellam, now a merchant in Wilder. After the death of his wife the father settled at Charleston, Franklin county, Arkansas, which town was named for him.

Dr. Kellam was reared and educated at Arkansas College, at Fayetteville; commenced the study of medicine under the supervision of a prominent physician there, and in 1859 went to St. John's, Vermont.

At the breaking out of the war, as early as the 19th of April, 1861, he enlisted in the Third Vermont Infantry, Company C, and served until October 6, 1862, participating in the battles of Virginia and siege of Yorktown under General McClellan. After his discharge he returned to Vermont, and in 1863 entered Company H, Ninth Vermont Infantry, and served with that regiment eight months, and was promoted to the position of hospital steward at the United States port hospitals.

In November, 1865, he entered Harvard College and graduated in a class of twelve, in 1868. He then practiced at Waterford, Vermont, for three years, next at Haverhill, New Hampshire, three years, at Lynn, Massachusetts, until 1876, St. Charles, Minnesota, three years, and finally, in 1879, he came to Heron Lake. He and his son now have a large drug store, 22 x 90 feet, where they carry the largest stock of drugs in the county. He is one of the most successful physicians in this part of the State.

He was married at the age of nineteen years, at Charleston, Arkansas, to Sarah Carter a native of the Green Mountain State,

and daughter of Jeremiah Carter, who was killed by rebels at Charleston. The Doctor has had the following named children: W. J., of Heron Lake; H. B., of Lynn, Massachusetts; and A. C., of the same city. Mrs. Kellam died in 1873, and in 1874 the Doctor married Emily Noyes, and by that marriage had one daughter, Alice, now residing at St. Paul. Subsequently Dr. Kellam was united in marriage with Mary C. Schermerhorn, a native of Albany, New York, and by this marriage there have been seven children, namely: A. B., A. S., Maud, W. H., Clara W., Herbert K. and Ruth.

Dr. Kellam is a leading and influential Republican. Was a candidate for the Legislature in 1894, and succeeded in reducing the Democratic majority of 925 to about 300. He has been often a delegate to county and Congressional conventions, and he has been Justice of the Peace thirteen years. He is a member of B. F. Sweet Post, G. A. R., No. 147, of which he was the first Commander; is also a Mason, Odd Fellow, member of Lodge 210, F. & A. M., and of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 175, I. O. O. F.

The Doctor is a studious and patient man, an independent thinker and a faithful officer and citizen.

DR. MITCHELL MIKKELSEN, M. D., who is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, in Wells, Minnesota, was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, on the 27th of July, 1850, and is the eldest in a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, whose parents were Knute and Caroline (Erickson) Mikkelsen. He attended the common schools of that locality until fourteen years of age, and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Faribault county, Minnesota, the father securing from the Government a tract of 160 acres on section 28, Lura township. It was all wild land on which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made, but in course of time it was transformed into fields of rich fertility. The Doctor had attended the Claggett school, almost opposite his home, and during the summer months aided in the labors of the home farm, giving to his father the benefit of his services until twenty-two years of age He is very familiar with the experiences of frontier life and has shared in the hardships and privations of the pioneer.

At length, when a young man of twenty-two, he determined to seek a home in South Dakota, and there in 1872 laid claim to 160 acres of land, just across the river from the Indian reservation. The little cabin was quite fort-like in appearance, and on several occasions he had visits from the Indians that were not altogether of a friendly nature. He frequently visited the reservation, for there had sprung up quite a warm friendship between himself and the Indian agent, J. C. Currier, who offered him the position as herder of the Texas cattle which was owned by the agency. It was while employed in that capacity on the plains of the West that he was enabled to earn and save enough money to prosecute his studies for the medical profession. He first entered the office of Dr. Winch, of Blue Earth City, Minnesota, with whom he read medicine for a period of two years. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Keokuk, Iowa, and was graduated there with the class of 1877. Wishing to further perfect himself in his chosen life work, he next became a student in the College of Physi-

cians and Surgeons of Chicago, and was graduated with the class of 1884. He has ever been a close and thorough student of his profession, and, though not in college, keeps himself abreast with the latest discoveries and theories connected with the science of medicine. His skill and ability are indicated by the large practice which he now enjoys and which has come to him as a reward of merit.

On the 22d of October, 1879, Mr. Mikkelsen was united in marriage with Miss Ella Heffron, a native of the Badger State and a daughter of N. L. and Anna Heffron. She was born in Columbia, Wisconsin, August 24, 1859, and died in 1890 at her home in Delavan. Two children were born to that union, but the daughter, who was the elder, died in infancy. The son, Willie B., was born November 26, 1882, and is still with his father. The Doctor was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Perizo de Runo, a lady of French extraction, who was born in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, a daughter of Bruno and Mary (De Lair) Perizo de Runo. There is also one child by the second marriage, L. M., who was born in Wells, April 2, 1894.

The Doctor removed to Wells in June, 1891, and now has a commodious and well appointed office over the drug store conducted by C. L. Draper. His pleasant home is located on the corner of Fourth and B streets. On the death of Dr. Daniel Straw, the practice of that popular physician was largely given to Dr. Mikkelsen, who is now doing a most excellent business. He is serving as local surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company at Wells, and is pension examiner for this locality. In politics, he is a Republican, and socially, is a Mason in good standing, belonging to Winnebago City Lodge, F. & A. M., and the commandery of Albert Lea. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of the World and the A. O. U. W.

C. W. ARCH, a well known railroad train man residing at Eagle Grove, Iowa, is a popular and efficient employe.

He was born in Randolph, Wisconsin, in 1861, a son of Dr. C. W. Arch, who was a prominent and successful physician and for a time surgeon in the German army in the Franco-Prussian war, and who married Susan Schender. Both parents were Germans, and are now deceased.

Mr. Arch was reared and educated in the public schools of Wisconsin, and early engaged in railroad service. He married Sarah Grinolds, and has seven children, namely: Maud Luella, Mabel Gertrude, William Riley, Ida Elmira, Cecil Lamont, Laura May and George Elbert. An account of Mrs. Arch's father, John Grinolds, is given on another page of this work.

CARROLL E. FORD, a prominent farmer on section 22, Walnut Lake township (postoffice Wells), has been a resident here ever since 1864.

He was born at Greenfield, Massachusetts, August 11, 1850, a son of Whitman S. Ford, a well-known and honorable settler here, who was born in Massachusetts, a son of Samuel Ford, also a native of the Bay State. Whitman S. Ford came West with his family in 1853, first locating at Lee Center, Illinois, and a year afterward in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he lived until 1864, when he came to Faribault

county and took a homestead claim where the subject of this sketch now resides. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits there until 1881, when he sold the place to his son, Carroll E., and went to Richland county, North Dakota, in the Red river valley. He had six children, namely: Ella, deceased; Everett, a soldier in the last war, a member of the Second Minnesota Cavalry, and now residing at Eagle Lake, Minnesota; Frank, living in South Dakota; Carroll E., the subject of this notice; Willie, May and Thornton. The last mentioned has two children living. In his political views the elder Ford is a Republican.

Mr. Ford, whose name heads this sketch, was reared on a pioneer Minnesota farm, receiving his education in the schools characteristic of the period. He has a taste for reading and a talent for critical observation. He was fourteen years of age when he came with his parents to this county. He now has a fine farm of 200 acres, with good buildings, windmill, etc.

November 19, 1879, is the date of his marriage to Miss Nellie R. White, daughter of W. W. White, of Owatonna, Minnesota. Her mother, whose maiden name was Fannie F. Topham, was born in Oneida county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. White have had three children, viz.: Nellie, William and one who died when a babe. Mr. White, who came to this county in 1862, lived in Blue Earth City eighteen years, was County Auditor here eighteen years and one month, being one of the most popular officers that Faribault county has ever had,—a man of ability and good judgment, capable and honest, and having a host of friends.

Mr. Ford has had four children, namely: Dell W., Thornton W. (deceased), Fred P. and Fannie M.

Mr. Ford is a Republican in his political principles and a zealous and efficient worker for his party, having often been a delegate to its county and Congressional conventions. He was a member of the School Board for fifteen years, Clerk of the Board for a time, and Treasurer. He is a gentleman of broad and intelligent views, active in educational matters and every good work. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., while Mrs. Ford in her religious connections, is a member of the Baptist Church.

WILLIAM A. FUNK.—In the political history of Jackson county this gentleman has borne a conspicuous part and Republicanism has been greatly advanced through his efforts. His entire life having been passed in the West, he possesses the enterprise and progressive disposition which characterize this section of the country, and the community therefore numbers him among its valued citizens.

On the 25th of February, 1854, in La Salle county, Illinois, Mr. Funk was born, his parents occupying a farm near that locality. He lived on the homestead until fifteen years of age, aiding in the cultivation and improvement of the fields, and then started out to make his own way in the world unaided. He had no capital, but was resolute of purpose and possessed a strong determination which has colored his entire career and has been an important factor in bringing him success. He first secured employment as a farm hand, and, after spending the season in the fields until after crops had been gathered in the late autumn, he entered the common schools of the neighborhood to acquire such education

as might there be obtained. An observing eye, retentive memory and keen powers of discrimination have added largely to his fund of knowledge, and reading has made him a well informed man. Later he began school-teaching and for a while he alternated his time between teaching and attending school. In the year 1873 he took up the study of law, and after his admission to the bar by the Supreme Court of Illinois September 25, 1875, he formed a partnership with his eldest brother, J. H. Funk, for the practice of law in Odell, Illinois. In the spring of 1879 he removed to Streator, Illinois, where he continued the prosecution of his profession until coming to Lakefield, Minnesota, his present home.

In October of that year Mr. Funk led to the marriage altar Miss Nellie Douglass, and three children, with the parents, now constitute the family: William D., Nettie M. and Leslie A. In March, 1887, they came to Lakefield and are well-known members of this community, worthy of the high regard in which they are held.

While living in Streator Mr. Funk became recognized as a leader in political affairs and for several years was chairman of the Republican central committee. He there served as a member of the City Council, but held no other office, nor was he a candidate for one. After coming to Jackson county, his abilities as a speaker and his excellent knowledge concerning the political issues of the day again won him prominence in the ranks of the Republican party, and in 1890 he was honored by an election to the office of County Attorney of Jackson county. So ably did he fill the office that on the expiration of his two years' term he was re-elected and again was chosen in 1894, and is serving at the present time. Like all who engage actively in politics he has many political enemies, and though they made a strong stand against him he won the third election, a fact which indicates his fidelity to duty and indicates his personal popularity. He is and for some years has been a member of the executive committee of the State Republican League. He has an extensive acquaintance among the political leaders of the State and in their ranks occupies a prominent position.

In his social connections Mr. Funk is an Odd Fellow of high degree, being a member of the Grand Lodge both in Minnesota and Illinois, and is honored throughout the fraternity. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian, and in the church in Lakefield is an earnest and consistent worker, while of the Sunday-school he has served as Superintendent for a number of years. His political record is without a blemish, his business life untarnished, and upon his private career is no suspicion of wrong. He has lived so as to command the respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and the friends of Mr. Funk are many. He is a man of engaging personality, of fine personal appearance, and his frank, open countenance is the index of his character.

JOHN T. POWELL, one of the successful and enterprising agriculturists of Jackson county, has since 1884 resided upon his present farm, which is situated on the banks of the beautiful Lake Heron on section 12, Lake Heron township This is a valuable tract of rich land and the well tilled fields yield to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestows upon them. He has improved the place with good buildings, and

in appearance the place is neat and thrifty, indicating the careful supervision of the owner. He has one of the finest windmills in the county for grinding and pumping and thereby fresh water is always supplied for the stock. In addition to general farming Mr. Powell is successfully engaged in stock-raising, making a specialty of cattle, horses and hogs of good grades. The commodious home stands in the midst of a beautiful grove of eight acres, and the thick foliage is both ornamental and suggestive of rest and recreation, and everything about the farm has the appearance of being well-cared for, and the owner of this desirable property is regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of the community.

In far-off England Mr. Powell was born, his birth having occurred in Dorsetshire, on the 4th of March, 1851. His parents were James and Susan Ann (Paul) Powell, and in their family were eleven children. During his active business life the father followed farming, but is now living retired, at the advanced age of eighty-three, his home being still in old Albion. His wife was called to her final rest in 1894, at the age of seventy-eight.

John T. Powell remained in the land of his nativity until after he had arrived at man's estate, and the common schools afforded him his educational privileges. At length he determined to seek a home beyond the Atlantic, hoping thereby to benefit his financial condition, and in this hope he has not been disappointed. He landed at Quebec and thence made his way to Chicago, where for some time he was employed as a coachman, after which he took up other lines of work. He opened up a grocery store and enjoyed a large and lucrative trade for several years. In 1884 he purchased his present farm of William Wiley. It was then but a partially improved tract, and on it stood a log cabin. In 1887 he removed his family to his Minnesota home and has since devoted his time and energies to farming and stock-raising, with splendid success.

Mr. Powell was married in Chicago, in 1876, the lady of his choice being Miss Martha Holverson, who was born and educated in Norway. Her father died in that country, and her mother is now living in Jackson county at a ripe old age. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Powell has been blessed with one daughter, Lillie Florence, an interesting young lady of sixteen. The family has made many friends during their residence here and are all worthy of the high regard in which they are held by all who know them. Mr. Powell has always voted with the Democracy and is a stalwart advocate of its principles, but has never sought or desired the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to give all his attention to his business and to the enjoyments of the pleasures of home.

CARL WILHELM KLEINE, who owns and occupies a farm near Sherburne, Minnesota, was born August 6, 1860, on his father's farm in Cook county, Illinois.

Carl Kleine, his father, was a native of Saxony, Germany. He came to America in 1854, and bought 110 acres of land in Cook county, Illinois, and there passed the residue of his life and died, his death occurring May 6, 1872, at the age forty-seven years. Of his brother and sisters, we record that Augusta has been thrice married, now being the wife of a Mr. Simon; Bertha married a Mr. Baker; Reka married August Heida-

man; Frederick, and a sister who remained in Germany. All are deceased except Augusta. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Caroline Shenneman, was born in Hessen, Germany, November 24, 1850, and was brought to America by her parents when she was nine years of age. They settled in Illinois, near the home of the Kleine family, and it was there that she and Carl Kleine met and were subsequently married. They became the parents of the following named children: Carl Wilhelm, whose name heads this article; August, born June 29, 1862, is engaged in farming, in Illinois, he and his wife, *nee* Sophia Lizyberg, having one child, Edwin; Rega, born July 26, 1864, is the wife of Charles Chelseth, overseer of the Elgin Condensing Milk Factory, Elgin, Illinois, their children being Roy, Amelia, Elmer, and an infant son; Bertha, born April 27, 1866, is the wife of William Lizyberg, an Illinois farmer, their children being Wally, Martin, and Clarence; Minnie Sophia, born March 27, 1869; Frederick, born July 4, 1871, is living with the subject of this sketch; and Amelia, born October 6, 1873. Miss Minnie S. and Miss Amelia have positions in the Condensing Factory at Elgin. Some time after the death of Mr. Kleine Mrs. Kleine became the wife of Julius Weckworth, and they have had two children: Caroline, born April 20, 1877; and Matilda, born February 3, 1879, died April 18, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Weckworth reside on the farm Mr. Kleine purchased when he first landed in Illinois.

Carl W. Kleine began working for wages when he was fifteen years of age, principally farm work, and was employed by the year for a period of seven years. He first arrived in Martin county, Minnesota, July 24, 1884, being then on a visit to Mr. Lewis Boehne, who afterward became his father-in-law. Deciding upon a permanent location in Martin county, he went back to Illinois and a short time later came again to Minnesota and purchased his present farm of D. I. Denney. This land was then partly improved. It consists of 100 acres, lots 1 and 2, township 101 (Lake Belt), range thirty-two. Of this land seventy-five acres are broken, and one acre is planted in grove. The place is stocked with twenty-seven hogs, eleven cattle, thirty sheep, and six horses.

Mr. Kleine was married September 18, 1884, to Charlotta Hannah Boehne, who was born May 7, 1866, daughter of Lewis Boehne. They have four children: Bertha Hannah, born June 17, 1885; Matilda Hannah, December 3, 1888; and Carl Edward Lewis and Frederick August Lewis, twins, born September 16, 1894.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kleine are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was confirmed April 18, 1875, at Hanover, Illinois, by the Rev. Mr. Boeher, and her confirmation took place at Ontario, Illinois, April 6, 1879, the Rev. Mr. Lambrecht officiating.

ALBERT JONES, the manager of extensive farming interests in Galena township, Martin county, Minnesota, was born in southeastern Sweden on the 31st of January, 1867, and is a son of Carl and Hannah (Johnson) Jones. In the family were the following children: Richard, who was the first to emigrate to America, the date of his arrival being the spring of 1866. He first settled in Rockford, Illinois, and on the 18th of

September, 1894, married Annie Carlson. He is now engaged in farming in Galena township, Martin county; C. Albert is the second in the order of birth; Ranius, born March 11, 1872; Tillie, born December 19, 1875; Elof, born June 24, 1878; Axel, born May 29, 1882; Oscar, born September 16, 1886; and Alma, born July 7, 1888. The father of this family, accompanied by his son Ranius, joined the eldest son in Rockford, Illinois, in 1887, and in 1890 brought to this country his family. He has since made his home in Rockford, and now owns a three-fourths interest in the Rockford Snuff Company, one of the largest concerns of the kind in the country. In 1891 he purchased a tract of land, and in March of the same year his sons came to Minnesota to take charge of this property.

In 1890 C. Albert Jones came with his mother and brothers to America. He was reared in the land of his nativity and its public schools afforded him his educational privileges. He first went to Rockford, and when his father purchased land in Minnesota he came to Martin county, and has since lived in Galena township. He and his older brother now have charge of 1,060 acres of land, all in the western part of Galena township, and of this 830 acres is under cultivation. The place is neat and thrifty in appearance, the fields are well tilled, the improvements kept in good repair. In connection with general farming the brothers also carry on stock-raising and have sixty head of cattle, sixty-four hogs and twenty-nine horses, all of good grades. The Jones farm is one of the most extensive and valuable in Martin county and its present rich and well improved condition speaks well for its managers.

Mr. Jones, whose name introduces this review, holds membership in the Lutheran Church, and takes some interest in civic societies, being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also of the Camp of Modern Woodmen of Minnesota.

He is a young man of excellent business ability and possesses the best characteristics of the race to which he belongs, being persevering and very industrious. His resolute purpose and steady application is crowning his undertakings with success, and his straightforward dealing and well known integrity have won him the confidence and good wishes of all with whom he has had business or social connections.

FREDERICK G. MILLER, who has been most prominently concerned in the agricultural development of Faribault county, Minnesota, and who is recognized as one of the influential and honored residents of the section, is now maintaining his home in the thriving little city of Wells, though he still retains a supervision of his extensive farming interests.

Mr. Miller is a native of the province of Hanover, Germany, the date of his birth having been October 27, 1836. He was the youngest of the five children of Henry Rudolph Miller and his wife, Lena (*nee* Meyer) Miller. The other children were Lizzie, who became the wife of Henry Burmester, and he is now deceased; Henry, a resident of Foster township, this county; John, of Emerald township; and Dora, wife of George Middledorf, of Emerald township.

Henry R. Miller, father of our subject, was a native of Hanover, Germany, where he was born about the year 1795. In early life he was in the military service for some four years, and in this connection he had

the honor of serving under Wellington at the battle of Waterloo. By trade he was a carpenter, and to this line of work he gave his attention during the greater portion of his long and active life, having been very successful in his efforts. In the year 1855, in company with his entire family, he emigrated to America, settling first in Cook county, Illinois, where they remained for one year, after which they came to Minnesota and took up their abode on a tract of 160 acres on section 17, Foster township, Faribault county, where was established the family home. The land was secured from the Government, and Mr. Miller and his family were well known as being among the earliest settlers of this region, and from those early pioneer days they have nobly borne their part in the development of this section of the State from the condition of a wilderness into what is recognized as being one of the finest farming regions to be found in the Union. Mr. Miller spent the remainder of his life here, and under his direction many of the earliest residences in his neighborhood were erected, for he long continued to put his knowledge of carpentry and building to practical use. He was a consistent member of the church, was one of the steadfast, reliable men of the day, and his memory is held in the highest veneration in the community where he labored so long and so faithfully. He passed away in the year 1879, at the age of eighty-four years, the death of his wife also occurring within the same year, at the age of seventy-two years.

Frederick G. Miller, the subject of this review, was about eighteen years of age at the time the family emigrated to America. As time passed by the older children went forth to make homes of their own, and upon him devolved the duty of remaining on the old homestead to care for his honored parents during their declining years,—a duty which he discharged with the most grateful filial solicitude.

From early life Mr. Miller has been a farmer by occupation, and his efforts in the line have been so carefully and correctly directed that he has been uniformly successful in his undertakings. He is well known as one of the enterprising and level-headed men of the section in which he has lived and to whose advancement he has so largely contributed. Realizing, somewhat, the magnificent future in store for Faribault county, he has added, from time to time, to the acreage of the old homestead, until today he figures as the owner of about 1,000 acres of fine, arable farming land, nearly all of which is located in this county. Upon the homestead, in Foster township, he has erected a substantial and commodious brick residence of effective architectural design, the same being recognized as one of the most attractive rural homes in the county. He also built a stock barn 86x42 feet in dimensions, with elaborate stone foundations, the basement being arranged for the accommodation of from seventy-five to one hundred head of stock. The farmstead, with its well ordered improvements, stands in perpetual credit to the enterprise of its proprietor and as an acquisition to the county which claims him as a citizen. Mr. Miller has been extensively engaged in the raising of live-stock for many years, raising from seventy-five to one hundred head each year.

In his political adherency our subject is actively in line as a supporter of the Republican party, and in township matters he has always maintained a progressive and public-spirited attitude. For nearly a full decade

he served as Township Treasurer, and he has always manifested a lively interest in every movement whose object was the advancement of the welfare and prosperity of the county. In October, 1892, Mr. Miller retired from active life as a farmer, and since that time has made his home in the village of Wells, where he is enabled to enjoy with his family the fruits of his years of labor and skillful management. Since taking up his residence in Wells he has taken an active interest in its development and advancement in the line of mercantile enterprises. He is a member of the firm of J. H. Burmester & Company, who conduct a flourishing business in the line of general merchandise, and who are recognized as one of the reliable firms here conducting a mercantile trade.

In February, 1874, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Mary Siebel, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and one of nine children born to William Siebel. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of five children, all of whom are yet members of the home circle, their names being as follows: Lydia, Clara, Selina, Nina and Henry William.

P. H. DRISCOLL is one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Jo Daviess township, Faribault county, Minnesota.

He was born in the town of Painted Post, Steuben county, New York, March 17, 1841, son of Timothy and Margaret (Downey) Driscoll. He is one of a family of ten children, two of whom are deceased, his brothers and sisters living being as follows: John, a resident of Appleton, Wisconsin; Dennis, of Nebraska; Jerry, of La Crosse, Wisconsin; James, of Wisconsin; Ellen, wife of Daniel Harrington, La Crosse, Wisconsin; Hannah, wife of John Scanlan, of Waupaca county, Wisconsin; and Honoria. Timothy Driscoll was born in the old country, as was also his wife, and soon after their marriage they came to America and settled in New York State. He was a farmer, and while in New York was also employed for some time in canal and railroad work. About 1857 he moved to Wisconsin and settled in Columbus, Columbia county, and some time afterward took up his abode in La Crosse, where his latter years were spent. He died there at the age of seventy-eight years, his wife dying at about the same age.

P. H. Driscoll spent much of his early life in Wisconsin. In the spring of 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-first regiment of Indiana Infantry, and was sworn in at Indianapolis, July 23. He then went East with his command, and from Baltimore was sent by water to Ship Island, below New Orleans. Later he was sent from there to Baton Rouge. His regiment was in the battle of Baton Rouge and was so cut up in that engagement that it was never reorganized. Mr. Driscoll remained there until the fall of 1863, when he returned North and was honorably discharged at Indianapolis.

Soon after his return from the army he married Miss Catharine Farrington, daughter of Bernard Farrington. They have four children,—John, Frank, Bernard and George.

In the spring of 1877 Mr. Driscoll came to Minnesota and settled in Jo Daviess township, Faribault county, and has since been engaged in farming here. The first spring he rented what is known as the Briggs farm, and that same spring he

bought the Webster farm, 160 acres, in Elmore and Pilot Grove township, but this farm he lost through the grasshopper scourge, although at the time he came to Minnesota he had $2,800. In the fall of 1878 he purchased the farm on which he has since lived, 240 acres in section 22, Jo Daviess township, and here he has been prospered in his undertakings, his attention being given to general farming and stock-raising. His fine residence was built in 1889 and 1891, and he and his family are surrounded with all the comforts of life.

PATRICK GUCKEEN, a pioneer farmer residing on section 17, Jo Daviess township, Faribault county, is a native of the Emerald Isle, his birth having occurred in that country in 1836. His father, Patrick Guckeen, died in Ireland at the age of fifty years, after which the mother with her family crossed the Atlantic to the New World, settling in Bristol, Rhode Island. Thus our subject became an American citizen. At the age of fourteen he began to earn his own living by working in a cotton mill, and for his services he at first received only the meager sum of $4 per month. He remained in the mills for about six years, or until twenty years of age, and became quite familiar with the business of manufacturing cotton cloth.

In the spring of 1855 Mr. Guckeen emigrated westward, hoping thereby to better his financial condition, and took up his residence in Wisconsin, near Janesville. After spending about five years in that locality he came to Faribault county, settling in Jo Daviess township, June 17, 1861, on the farm which has since been his home. He laid claim to a quarter section of land and built a little rude shanty, in which he lived in true pioneer style, sharing in the hardships and difficulties that come to those who make homes on the frontier. The history of such a life is well known to him. He has performed the arduous task of developing wild land and of transforming an uncultivated tract into rich and fertile fields, but his work has been so vigorously prosecuted that he not only improved his original claim but added to that a vast tract which he has placed under cultivation. As his financial rescources increased he made judicious investments in real estate and is now the owner of 900 acres of the rich land of Faribault county. In 1894 he raised over 11,600 bushels of small grain,—wheat oats and flax, besides several thousand bushels of corn, and although now he is in affluent circumstances he does not lay aside business cares, but labors with almost the untiring diligence of his former years.

In 1859 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Guckeen and Miss Margaret, daughter of John and Bridget (Gorham) Inglesby. Her mother came to this country and settled in Wisconsin many years ago, her death occurring in that State in 1874. The father died on the green Isle of Erin. Mr. and Mrs. Guckeen have had a fine family of eleven children, as follows: John, who aids in the operation of the home farm; Mary Ann, at home; Thomas, who is operating a quarter section of land which was given him by his father; Edward, who is also working for himself; Margaret and Henry, at home; Peter, who is engaged in merchandising in Blue Earth City; Sarah, Agnes, George and Josie, who are under the parental roof. The family is one of prominence in the community and the home is noted for its hospitality, the latchstring always hanging out.

The members of the household hold an enviable position in the circles of society in which they move and their friends in the county are many.

The career of Mr. Guckeen is a marked illustration of what energy and perseverance, joined to common sense and capable management, can accomplish. Thirty-three years ago he came to Faribault county in very limited circumstances, but has steadily worked his way upward, overcoming the difficulties and obstacles in his path until now he is numbered among the wealthy farmers of the community,—possessed of broad acres which yield to him a handsome income and supply him not only with the necessaries of life but also with many of its luxuries. In the work of developing the county he has borne an important part, having given his support to all worthy enterprises which he believed were calculated to prove of public benefit or would advance the general welfare.

WA. RAJEWSKI, Blue Earth City, Minnesota, is a native of Germany. He was born in the province of Posen, Prussia, November 25, 1847, the eldest of the five children of Frederick Wilhelm and Mary (Noske) Rajewski. His parents passed their lives and died in Prussia. The father was a wagon-maker by trade, which he followed through life. He died of Asiatic cholera during its epidemic in Prussia in 1866, the disease having been taken there by the Austrian soldiers, and the mortality being terrible. He was fifty-two years of age at the time of death. The mother died in 1869, at the age of fifty-four.

In 1867, the year following his father's death, W. A. Rajewski entered the German army, becoming a member of the Fifty-fourth regiment of infantry. He served in this regiment until 1869. It was soon after his return home that his mother died, and in that same year, December 25, he was married to Henrietta Paschke, a native of West Prussia. After he had been at home six months, he was again ordered to enter the service of his country, and in 1870 he joined his old regiment. While on duty in France he was taken sick, and sent back to Germany. As soon as he recovered he joined the Forty-ninth regiment, and served in it until 1872, when he was honorably discharged in Dijon, France, having served all through the Franco-Prussian war.

After his discharge from military service, Mr. Rajewski returned home and subsequently accepted the position of inspector on a large estate, having some 150 people under him. This responsible position he occupied until 1875, faithfully performing his duty and giving entire satisfaction to his chief, and in 1875 he resigned and came to America. His coming to this country was in order that his wife might be near her people, who had already emigrated. They came to Minnesota and first settled in Blue Earth township, Faribault county. Soon afterward Mr. Rajewski rented a farm in Verona township, where he lived for several years, and later took a farm in Elmore township, where they made their home a few years. His wife having been an invalid for some eight years, he was obliged on account of her ill-health to give up farm life and accordingly moved into Blue Earth City, where he followed the trade he had learned in his youth—wagon-making. He worked at this trade successfully for seven years, when, owing to his own ill-health, he was

obliged to retire, and sold out his business. He still makes his home in Blue Earth City.

After being a patient sufferer for many years, Mrs. Rajewski departed this life, March 4, 1886, leaving a husband and three sons to mourn their loss, the sons being Otto, Herman and Max.

EDWARD D. EVANS, of the firm of Evans, Kobs & Hacklander, grain-buyers, Blue Earth City, Minnesota, is one of the substantial business men of Faribault county.

Mr. Evans was born in Portage county, Ohio, February 20, 1836, son of David and Fannie Evans, and one of a family of eight children, five of whom are living namely: William, who resides at the old homestead, in Ohio; Mrs. D. D. Thomas, Dodge county, Wisconsin; Mrs. David Morgan, living near Akron, Ohio; Sarah, of Portage county, Ohio; and Edward D. David Evans, the father, was born in South Wales, about the year 1804, and when quite young came to America and settled in Portage county, Ohio, where he spent the residue of his life. He was one of the pioneers of the Western Reserve, was an energetic and public-spirited man, and during the whole of his active life was engaged in farming. He died in 1879, at the age of seventy-five years.

Edward D. Evans passed his first fifteen years in the quietude of farm life in his native county. He then began practically to do for himself; and at that time, 1851, he went to the home of his sister in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and there attended school and clerked in a store. Thus he spent over two years, going to school in winter and clerking in summer, and at the end of that time returned to Ohio. The following two years he was a high-school student at Newton Falls. After that he went again to Wisconsin, where he continued to reside for a number of years, employed in a general store at Fox Lake.

Mr. Evans was married at Fox Lake, Wisconsin, in November, 1866, to Miss Jeanette McConnell, a native of New York State, and a daughter of Scotch parents. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have two daughters,—Emma F., wife of Fred Cummings, a farmer of Blue Earth City township, Faribault county, and Anna May, at home.

In the summer of 1868 Mr. Evans came to Minnesota, looking for a desirable location, his trip resulting in the purchase of a quarter section of land in Jo Daviess township, Faribault county, it at that time being unbroken prairie. He moved his family to this place and lived on it one year. It was not his intention, however, to make farming his life occupation, the land being purchased more as an investment, and at the end of the year he moved to Blue Earth City and engaged in mercantile pursuits. For about six years he was in partnership with Mr. William Dustin in the general merchandise business, at the end of that time buying the interest of his partner, and for five years longer continuing alone. He was then overtaken by misfortune, his store being swept away by fire. This disaster was followed by the grasshopper scourge, the two crippling him financially. Farming and stock-raising then claimed his attention for a time, and he made a speciality of buying, feeding and selling stock. He erected a fine store building on Main street, to rent, and later another for the same purpose, thus making a profitable investment for himself and also aiding in the development of the city. In

1887, under the firm name of Sly & Evans, he engaged in the grain business, he being the active manager. Mr. Sly subsequently disposed of his interest and the firm name became Evans, Kobs & Hacklander, continuing as such up to the present time. The company has two elevators, one under the direction of Mr. Hacklander, who handles wheat and barley, the other being used for oats and flax. At the latter Mr. Evans has his office, with general management of the entire business. They handle a large amount of grain annually, the business showing a steady gain from year to year, and they also deal in stucco, lime, cement, and fuel, handling about 2,000 tons of coal yearly.

Mr. Evans cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and has ever since affiliated with the Republican party. In local affairs he takes an active part. He was at one time Treasurer of Blue Earth City, has since been President of the City Council, and at this writing is a member of the Council.

JAMES G. PRIOR, a prominent young farmer of Brush Creek township, Faribault county, Minnesota, was born on the farm on which he now resides, May 21, 1870, only son of James S. and Fannie M. (Forbes) Prior.

James S. Prior was an Englishman, born in 1814, and lived in England until 1858. That year he emigrated to this country and came direct to Minnesota and settled on section 33, Faribault county, he being the second settler in this vicinity. At that time this land all belonged to the Government. Mr. Prior pre-empted a quarter section, a part being prairie and the rest river-bottom land partly covered with timber. He set about the work of developing his property, and his honest industry was rewarded with success from the first. From time to time he was enabled to purchase adjoining land and ere long he became the owner of a splendid farm of 407 acres, and for a number of years he successfully carried on both general farming and stock-raising. Of a public-spirited and generous nature, he was always deeply in earnest to further the interests of his town and county. For years he acted as Township Treasurer. He died in the year 1887. His widow, Mrs. Fannie M. Prior, is still living on the home farm with her son.

James G. Prior has spent his whole life at his native place. In boyhood he attended the schools of this vicinity, and since becoming a man has given his attention to the operation of their large farm. He is well known as one of the enterprising and able young farmers in this part of the county. He was married, November 12, 1890, to Veleria G. Ackerman, who was born at Rice Lake, Faribault county. She is one of the seven children of Abram and Almira Ackerman.

LEWIS JORGINSON has been prominently connected with the official and commercial interests of Wells and is now doing an extensive business as a dealer in hay. He was born on the sea-coast in southern Norway, on the 12th of November, 1849, and is a son of Jorgin and Mary (Knudson) Oleson. The father was born in Norway, in 1807, and in his early years learned the blacksmith's and carpenter's trades, following those pursuits, and also farming, as a means of livelihood throughout his entire business

career. He successfully managed his affairs and won a prosperity which was well deserved. His death occurred in 1864, when he had reached the age of fifty-eight years. His wife, who was born in 1809, is now living with her oldest son in Norway, and though she is now eighty-five years of age she is splendidly preserved both mentally and physically, her many years resting lightly upon her. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children, five sons and two daughters, and six of the number are yet living.

Lewis Jorginson is the only one who ever came to America. In early life he received the benefits of a good education and in 1864 went into the office of an iron foundry, where he occupied a good position for one of his years, having charge of several men. He there continued for five years,—a trusted and faithful employee. In the spring of 1871 he sailed for the New World. Bidding adieu to home and friends he crossed the broad Atlantic to New York and thence made his way to Chicago and on to Milwaukee and to Houston, Minnesota, where he secured employment in a grocery store. He there continued only a short time, after which he was employed on the Southern Minnesota Railroad, being connected with that line for nine years. After seven months he was given charge of a gang of men engaged in construction work. In 1880 he came to Wells, purchased a property and began operations as a hotel-keeper, as proprietor of the City Hotel. Six years he catered to the public, and in 1886 he sold out and changed his place of residence. He removed to Jackson, Minnesota, where for seventeen months he carried on business, after which he went to Austin, Minnesota, purchased real estate and embarked in the dry-goods business. After losing $4,000 in the enterprise he returned to Wells and embarked in the livery business, which he carried on until 1893. He still owns the barn, and also stores in which a butchering trade and a millinery business are carried on. In 1894 he began dealing in hay in company with August Beiderman, and they have two large warehouses for storing hay, in Wells, also two in Madison, South Dakota. This enterprise has proved a profitable one and business has constantly increased, the firm now enjoying a very liberal patronage. In his business career Mr. Jorginson has met reverses and has had many difficulties to overcome, but he possesses the perseverance and industry characteristic of his race and has pressed on when many another man of resolute purpose would have faltered and probably failed. His success is the reward of his own exertions and is therefore well deserved.

On the 3d of December, 1878, Mr. Jorginson was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Charlotte A. Johnson, a native of Sweden. They now have two interesting children, Florence and Mamie, both at home.

In politics Mr. Jorginson is a Democrat and is warmly interested in the growth and success of his party. In 1880 he became a member of the Common Council and at that time served for three years. In 1889 he was again elected to that office, serving for two terms during which he was prominent in promoting all enterprises of benefit to the city. In 1892 he received the nomination for County Sheriff, but his wife not wishing to change her place of residence, as would have been necessary if he had been elected, he resigned the nomination in favor of Oliver Dolan. He was appointed Deputy

Sheriff and served for two years, as he could fill that position without removing to the county seat. He has proved a capable official, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity, and his public and private life are alike above reproach. He came to this country with the hope of bettering his financial condition and in this hope has not been disappointed. He has become possessed of a comfortable competence, has won many warm friends, secured a pleasant home and has been honored by his fellow-townsmen who hold him in high regard.

JOHN L. HART, one of the representative farmers of Delavan township, Faribault county, Minnesota, was born in the town of Avon, Hartford county, Connecticut, September 2, 1832. He is one of the family of seven children of Luther W. and Almira (Gillette) Hart, the others being George, a farmer of this township; Susan, deceased wife of S. B. Miller; Betsey, wife of Noah Miller, West Farmington, Ohio; Esther, wife of Erastus Miller, also of West Farmington; Amos, deceased; and Ann, deceased wife of Seth Bishop. Luther W. Hart, the father, was born in Connecticut about the year 1798, and lived in his native State until 1835, when he settled at West Farmington, Ohio. In early life he was a canal boatman, but after his removal to Ohio he turned his attention to farming, which occupation he followed during the rest of his active life. His old age, after the death of his wife, was spent with his son in Minnesota, where he died in 1879, at the age of eighty-one years.

John L. Hart was three years old at the time his parents moved to the Western Reserve. He remained in Ohio until he was sixteen, when he returned to Connecticut, and for several years thereafter was employed in a shop in Collinsville. In the year 1856 he came west to Minnesota and took claim to 160 acres of land in Delavan township, Faribault county, securing it under the pre-emption act, and remained here until the opening of the Civil war. He then retured to Connecticut, and in July, 1862, enlisted in Company E, Sixteenth Connecticut Infantry, and with his command went to the front. At Antietam his regiment suffered great loss, being practically cut to pieces. Afterward he participated in numerous prominent engagements, and at Plymouth, North Carolina, was taken prisoner, with the rest of his regiment. While they were on their way to Andersonville Mr. Hart escaped from the guards, swam the Roanoke river, and later got on board one of the vessels of the fleet and was transferred to Roanoke Island. He was on duty there until his regiment was exchanged some six months later, after having suffered the horrors of Andersonville prison during that time. After that he was with the forces that recaptured Plymouth, spent some six months at Newbern, and went from there to Yorktown, where he was mustered out in July, 1865. At Hartford, Connecticut, his regiment was paid off and discharged. Mr. Hart came out of the war without serious injury, although he was repeatedly exposed to the hottest fire, several times being hit by bullets, but never seriously wounded.

The war over, he returned to Minnesota and resumed farming, which has occupied his time and attention ever since. He is one of the earliest pioneers of this region, being one of a colony of half a dozen settlers that located here together; and he has not only been a witness to the development of this

part of the country during the past four decades, but also has done his part toward bringing about this growth and development. He is now the owner of a fine farm of 240 acres and carries on both general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Hart was married February 10, 1865, to Mary P. Reynolds, a native of Sherwood, Michigan, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Hicks) Reynolds. They have nine children living, namely: Fred L., of Minneapolis; Frank E., a druggist of Granada, Minnesota; Charles A., of Winnebago City; J. B. and Jessie L., attending Parker College; Louis A., in the Winnebago City high school; and Eugene J., Harry H., and Etta J., at home.

Politically, Mr. Hart is a stanch Republican. He is public-spirited and enterprising, takes an active interest in public affairs, and is now serving his third term as a member of the Township Board of Supervisors. He is identified with McColley Post, No. 55, G. A. R., of Delavan.

D. G. HENNEBERG, manager of the Martin County Democrat and the Martin County ————, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, January 17, 1862, the second son and youngest child of Gottfried and Elizabeth (Wagner) Henneberg, natives of Germany. On coming to America they located in St. Paul, Minnesota, where the father was a contractor for many years, but is now retired and resides in Newport, near that city.

D. G. Henneberg, our subject, was reared and educated in his native city. At the age of fourteen years he found employment as clerk in a furniture store two years, spent nine years as office boy in a wholesale grocery store, was next employed as bookkeeper three years; in June, 1887, went to Port Arthur, Canada, and was employed as bookkeeper for a mine and manager of a store one year; in June, 1888, came to Fairmont, Minnesota, and was engaged as bookkeeper for Mr. Ward in the Martin County Bank, and is now Secretary of the Ward Machine Company and manager of the two periodicals at Fairmont.

In January, 1893, Mr. Henneberg was united in marriage with Dena I., a daughter of Hon. R. M. and Mary S. (Conroe) Ward. In his social relations, our subject affiliates with the Masonic Order, Chain Lake Lodge, No. 64, and Fairmont Chapter, No. 50, and of the Independent Order of Foresters of Illinois. Politically, he is identified with the Democratic party.

ISAIAH WHITEIS, a prominent farmer of sections 6 and 7, Walnut Lake township (post-office Easton), has been a resident there ever since July, 1871.

He was born in Hardin county, Ohio, February 9, 1846. His father, Jeremiah Whiteis, was born in American waters, while his parents, who were Welsh, were crossing the ocean to this country, in the year 1801. The family settled in Pennsylvania and resided there for nine years, and then removed to Ohio. In the latter State, at the age of twenty-two years, our subject married Arabella M. Robinson, and in 1848 they moved to Wisconsin, settling in Sauk county upon a farm, which they proceeded to improve. He also worked at his trade, as builder and contractor, until 1864, when he sold his farm and moved to Iowa, locating in Ellington township, Hancock county,

on a farm. In the fall of 1866 he sold this farm also and settled upon a farm in Texas county, Missouri, where he died, in 1869, at the age of sixty-eight years. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. He always took an active part in the public welfare, as well as in being a friend to the poor and needy, and in every practicable way was prominently identified with the upbuilding of the best interests of the county in which he resided. At the age of twenty-two years he married Miss Arabella Robinson, who was born in Vermont, of American parentage, and died in Hancock county, Iowa, at the age of seventy-three years. She was always a devoted Christian of the Methodist Episcopal faith until her death. Their thirteen children were: Roswell R,. who was a soldier in the last war, in an Iowa regiment; Harvey J.; George M.; Nancy A.; Elminia M.; Isaac P., who also was in the war, in the Fourth Minnesota Infantry; Joseph M.; Isaiah, who is the immediate subject of this biographical notice; Ellora M., and Robert L., besides three who deceased in childhood.

Mr. Isaiah Whiteis was reared on a farm in Sauk county, Wisconsin, receiving a good common-school education. In Iowa he was engaged in running a threshing-machine until 1866, when, with his wife, he moved to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where he ran a sawmill and meat market. Finally he came to his place in Faribault county, Minnesota, in 1871, with his family, traveling with horses and a wagon. On arrival here he first purchased eighty acres of land, upon which was a shanty 12 x 16 feet in dimensions. Since then he has prospered as a farmer, and has correspondingly been enabled to erect commodious farm structures and equip a beautiful home. His present residence is 24 x 26 feet in ground area, two stories high and with a cellar of the full size of the house, while the barn is 36 x 60 feet, with a stone basement; and the premises generally are adorned by a good windmill and other buildings, trees, etc. He keeps a stock of shorthorn cattle of good quality, and Poland-China hogs.

December 4, 1865, is the date of his marriage, at Mason City, Iowa, to Melissa Ward, a native of Sullivan county, New York, and of a good family. She has been a great help to her husband amid the toils and adversities of life. Her parents moved, when she was eight years old, to Illinois, locating first at Sycamore, Kane county, and afterward to Ellington township, Hancock county, Iowa, where her father, Jacob Ward, was one of the first settlers. Mr. Ward was closely identified with the upbuilding and best interests of the county, was for a number of years a leading member of the county Board of Supervisors, and also held the office of County Treasurer for a number of years. In politics he was a stanch Republican and always took an active interest in the public welfare, and was ever a friend to the poor and needy. He was killed, at the age of sixty-two years, by a cyclone, in which his fine farm buildings were all torn to pieces. He had twelve children, viz.: Elizabeth; Alfred, who was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion; Reuben; Melissa, who is now the wife of Mr. Whiteis, our subject; Phoebe Jane; Stephen, also a soldier in the last war; Mary Adeline; Sylvester, Jacob, John, Sarah and Emma. Mrs. Ward died when Mrs. Whiteis was twelve years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteis have had ten children, namely: Mary L., John L., Marion A., Millie A., Ada E., Jacob I., Leslie J. and Dwight J., living, and Cassius, Carl and Clarence H., de-

ceased in infancy. The three daughters have all been successful and highly esteemed teachers: Ada E. is now teaching in Minnenesota Lake township, and the two older daughters are now married.

Mr. Whiteis is a Republican in politics and always a strong advocate of its principles. He has been a member of the School Board for a number of years. Both himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which religious body he holds the office of Steward.

AUGUST KRUMVIEDE, of Monroe, Martin county, was born on his father's farm near the city of Blue Island, Illinois, about seventeen miles southwest of Chicago, May 24, 1866, son of Frederick and Dorothea (Bottles) Krumviede. He remained on the home place until March 3, 1889, when he rented forty acres three miles west of Blue Island. The next fall, in company with his brother-in-law, he rented 320 acres of land at Oak Lawn, in the same county, eight miles south of Chicago, and on that place made his home for two and a half years. Then, in 1892, he came to Minnesota, locating in Martin county, in a section of the country that may well be considered the "beauty of the West." Two weeks afterward his wife and children came also. He had spent half a year, in 1885, with his brother Henry, at which time he determined to finally make this country his permanent home. Still before that, in 1883, Mr. Frederick Krumviede had purchased the northwest quarter of section 20, township 104, range 31. In 1892 buildings were erected on this land and other improvements made, and ever since April of that year this has been the residence of the subject of this sketch. He now has the farm under cultivation, with two acres in grass and one and a half in apple orchard. His live stock consists of twenty hogs, twelve head of cattle and seven horses

Mr. Krumviede was married March 23, 1889, at Blue Island, Illinois, to Minnie Mary Schultz, a native of Germany and a daughter of August and Minnie (Helvish) Schultz. Her father was three years in the German army, and afterward, in 1866-7, was in the war a year, and finally died, in his native land, November 14, 1874, at the age of forty-two years. Her mother, who was born March 21, 1836, came with her children to America, arriving April 1, 1884, and is now living with them at Blue Island, where they have one acre of land, with buildings upon it. After her first husband's death Mrs. Schultz married Ludwig Nomte, who is now in the employ of Warre Brothers. The names, dates of birth, etc., of Mrs. Schultz's children are as follows: Ernest, born September 14, 1848, died in May, 1894, leaving a widow and two children; Paulina Wilhelmina Carolina, born February 7, 1862, is the wife of Charles Sige and lives in Blue Island; Augusta Wilhelmina Johana, born February 12, 1866, is the wife of Frederick Schenruck at Blue Island; Minnie Mary, now Mrs. Krumviede, born March 5, 1868; August Lewis, born June 22, 1870, married Sophia Bowers and is living in Illinois; and Alvina Betsey, born April 1, 1874, is the wife of Hermann Miller, a Government employe at Blue Island. The birth-place of the above named children is West Prussia, Germany. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Agust Krumviede are: George Amil Alfred, born February 14, 1890; Helena Sophia Louisa, September 2, 1892;

Louis Henry Gustav, March 27, 1893; and Agust Frederick Johan, February 25, 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. Krumviede are members of the Lutheran Church.

HERMAN FLAMME, a prosperous and prominent farmer of Waverly township, Jackson county, was born July 20, 1841, in Alsace, Germany, a son of William and Annie (Grotstollen) Flamme. His grandfather, Fritz Flamme, was a shoemaker by trade in Germany, and his children were William, Mary (who married A. Cooks), John, Gerhard and Grotstollen; but his wife by a former husband had had William, Gerhard, Annie and Herman. William Flamme was born October 2, 1815, and died January 27, 1876, in Highland, Wisconsin, where he was finally killed by an accident; a team of horses started suddenly forward with the wagon in which he was standing, throwing him over backward and breaking his neck! He was a musician in the old country, and emigrated to America, arriving April 1, 1868, with his family, locating in Richland county, Wisconsin. His wife, born July 18, 1815, died January 25, 1881, of dropsy, in Richland county. Their children were: (1) Herman, the subject of this sketch. (2) Sabilla, born in March, 1843, married William Hetbleck and is now living in Redlands, California, where they have an orange orchard. Their children are John, Sophia, William, Katie and Annie. (3) Annie, born January 16, 1844, married Charles Keefer, a farmer of Richland county, Wisconsin, and they have two children,—William and Annie. (4) Frederick William, born March 6, 1847, and died in January, 1894. He was a blacksmith in Sauk county, that State, married Margaret Bamex and had three sons and two daughters. (5) William, born January 1, 1850, is now a hardware merchant in Berlin, Nebraska. For his first wife he married Emma Sigrist, and their children were Oscar and Henry, deceased, and three who are still living. (6) Agnes, born March 16, 1853, married Jared Hillman, who is in business with William Flamme, just mentioned. (7) Maria, born July 19, 1859, married Fritz Prucke in Martin county, Minnesota, and has seven children.

Mr. Herman Flamme, whose name heads this sketch, sailed from Rotterdam, in March, 1868, and landed in New York, and located in Wisconsin, as already stated. At the age of twenty-nine years he rented his father's place for two years, and then moved to Jasper county, Iowa, where he again rented a farm and also worked for wages a year and a half, when he moved back to the old place in Wisconsin, which he this time purchased. In April, 1885, he came to Martin county, Minnesota, bought land and built a residence upon it. This place now comprises eighty acres, being half of the southwest quarter of section 31, Waverly township. All the improvements now on the place he has made there himself. In 1892 he purchased the east half of the southwest quarter of section 21, and he now has 130 acres broken. His live stock consists of four horses, besides some cattle and hogs. Being enterprising and ambitious, he is bound to win and make a success of life.

November 18, 1871, he married Susanna Seyferth, a daughter of John Elias and Maria Theresa Seyferth, and born January 7, 1849. She died May 15, 1891. By this marriage were the following children: William, born September 16, 1872, and died June 15, 1894; Hermann, born February 17,

1874; Charlie, December 2, 1877; Henry, December 7, 1879; Annie, February, 23, 1882; August, January 1, 1884; George, December 17, 1886; Susanna Sabella, July 26, 1889. For his present wife Mr. Flamme married, June 29, 1894, Mrs. Annie Kiem, daughter of Andreas and Kabrina Mueller. By her former husband, George Kiem, she had four children,—Susannah, John, Edwin and Lena,—who are living with the subject of this sketch.

JOSEPH B. PRICE, a farmer of section 12, Weimar township, was born in Carroll county, Ohio, February 27, 1836, one of the ten children of Christopher and Elizabeth (Geiger) Price. His father also was a native of the Buckeye State, born in the year 1791, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and passed his entire life in his native State. He was a skilled mechanic, a plasterer by trade and a successful man in business. He died in 1857, at the age of sixty-six years. His wife was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Peter Geiger, who was a farmer and speculator of prominence in that State. During the war of the Revolution he furnished the Continental army with provisions and other necessities. Mrs. Price died in 1858. The grandfather, Thomas Price, was born in Maryland in 1769, and removed in early life to Ohio, crossing the Ohio river where Cincinnati now stands, the only building there at the time being a log fort.

Being a broad-minded, aggressive man, Mr. Price started a colony at Leesville, Carroll county, Ohio, where he was a pioneer. Subsequently he started another colony in that State. He was a civil engineer and surveyor by profession and a remarkably active man. An instance of his wonderful powers preserved to old age is shown in his walking twenty-five miles in one day when more than eighty-six years of age! He died at New Philadelphia, Ohio, at the age of eighty-nine years.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch lived in his native State until twenty-one years of age, at which time he started out in life for himself. First he followed his trade as plasterer at Taylorsville, Illinois, for two years. In 1859 he went to Colorado to enter the business of mining. Stopping at Central City, he took several very fine mining claims; but, his venture not resulting satisfactorily, he returned East and settled in Indiana, where he remained until 1865, when he moved again to Illinois and resided there till 1871; then he came to Minnesota and located in the township of Weimar, Jackson county, where he pre-empted 120 acres on section 12, to which he has since added 160 acres; and his landed estate now aggregates 280 acres of fine farm land. He has always worked at his trade of plasterer, employing several men much of the time, in carrying out his contracts. In this line he has been uniformly succesful, year by year, carrying on his own business.

May 29, 1865, he was married to Miss Mary A. Seabring, a native of Springville, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Price have four children: Lizzie A., who was the Republican candidate for County Superintendent of Schools in 1894; Walter S., teacher in North Dakota; Alice Carey, and Arthur, at school.

Deeply interested in education, Mr. Price has been for many years Clerk of the School Board; and he may justly feel proud of having been able to give each of his children the benefits of a liberal education.

In his political principles he has ever been an uncompromising Republican, strong in his adherence to the measures of his party. He is a prominent member of Windom Lodge, No. 83, A. O. U. W., and is one of the intelligent and progressive men of the day who keep in touch with the developments of the age.

G. T. JUVLAND, a highly respected farmer occupying section 12, Weimar township, is the chairman of the township board of Supervisors. He was born in Norway, March 11, 1850, one of five children of Thomas Jansen and Susana Gjermundson. The other children were: Thomas, now residing at Heron Lake, Minnesota; Jacob, in Minneapolis, this State; Ole, at Slayton; and Grunhild, who married a Mr. Foss, died in 1888, leaving a daughter, named Josephine and now twelve years of age and living with her uncle, G. T. Juvland. The family came to America in the year 1867, in a sailing vessel, landing at Quebec, from which point they came on to Red Wing, this State, where they remained until 1870; they then removed to Jackson county, settling in Weimar township, where the head of the family preempted a claim of 160 acres on section 12. They were thus the earliest settlers in this region. Two years afterward the father died at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife, surviving, is enjoying an active and useful old age with her son, G. T., her loving and devoted son.

Mr. Juvland, whose name begins this biographical outline, as soon as he became of age, took a claim of 160 acres, the entire farm of which it was a part comprising 240 acres of fine land, and here he resides in the enjoyment of a peaceful home. In 1893 he erected a fine barn for the better accommodation of his live stock, and during the following year built a fine large and commodious residence, upon high ground, where one can command and extended view of the surrounding country; the view, indeed, is exceptionally beautiful. The magnificent premises of Mr. Juvland stand as a monument of his enterprise and thrift.

He is recognized as one of the enterprising and progressive men of the day. Always deeply interested in local affairs and in the welfare of his community, he was appointed the first Constable after the township was organized, and he served in that capacity for several years. In the spring of 1889 he was elected chairman of the township board of Supervisors, and from that time to the present he has discharged the duties of that position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people. He has always been known as one of the stanch Republicans of that section of the county, actively working for the advancement of the principles of that party. In religion he has through life been an active member of the Lutheran Church.

JONATHAN D. SATTERLEE, M. D., a successful physician and surgeon of Winnebago City, is not only one of the pioneer medical practioners of Faribault county but of the Northwest as well. He was born in Montgomery county, New York, near the town of Amsterdam, on the 5th of April, 1822, and belongs to a family that can trace its ancestry back to the time when William the Conqueror became England's king. Its representatives crossed the ocean to America during early Colonial days

and located in Connecticut. The grandfather of the Doctor, John Satterlee, was born in Connecticut in 1732, and when the Colonies attempted to throw off the yoke of British oppression he joined in the struggle and served under Washington for some time. He was valiant and true, and his bravery and meritorious conduct won him promotion to office. His occupation was farming and he carried on agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life. His religious belief identified him with the the Baptist Church. He married Hannah Hyde, daughter of Jehu Hyde, and his death occurred in Washington county, New York, while his wife departed this life in Nunda, Livingston county, same State.

The Doctor's father, Nathan L. Satterlee, was born and reared in Rhode Island, and having attained to years of maturity was married in Warren county, of the Empire State, to Miss Lucy Mallory, who was born in Rutland county, Vermont, and was a daughter of Peter Mallory, a native of the same State, and a granddaughter of David Mallory, whose birth occurred in Wales. The mother of Mrs. Satterlee bore the maiden name of Ann Dunham, a native of Dumfries-shire, Scotland, and a member of a prominent and well-to-do family. Mr. and Mrs. Satterlee continued their residence in New York until 1848 and then started for the West, locating in Dodge county, Wisconsin. That was the year in which the State was admitted to the Union. They lived there until their remaining days and were highly respected people of the community. The father was a Whig in his political views and afterward became a Republican. His religious faith was that of the Baptist Church and he was ever true to his convictions of right and wrong. His death occurred when he was in his seventy-second year, and his wife died at the age of sixty-six. Thus two worthy people were called to their reward and a deep loss was sustained by their many friends They had twelve children, who were named Sylvester, Emily, Amelia, Allen, Peter, Clarissa, Nathan D., Joseph, Melvina, Armuda, Sarah and Ransom. Three of the sons were soldiers in the late war,—Peter, Joseph and Ransom, and, like their Revolutionary grandsire, they were true to the cause for which they fought whether on the field of battle or in monotonous routine duty. Peter also had five sons who wore the blue and followed the old flag.

The early youth of Dr. Satterlee was quietly passed, unmarked with events of special importance. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and he lived in the Empire State until after he had attained to years of maturity. When the time came to make choice of a business which he should wish to make his life work, he decided upon a professional life and took up the study of medicine under the instruction of Dr. Turner, a prominent physician of New York, with whom he continued his reading for four years, gaining a superior knowledge of the science, which was not entirely theoretical, for he often aided his preceptor in his practice. He opened an office of his own in Lewis county, New York, here he continued his practice for two years, after which he found a field of labor and usefulness in the West, becoming a resident of Columbia county, Wisconsin. He was one of the early physicians of that locality, and his skill and ability soon won recognition in a liberal patronage. In 1874 he removed to La Crosse, Wisconsin, and four years later he came to Winne

bago City, Minnesota. Opening an office at this place, he soon built up a good business among the best class of people and ministered to the ills of suffering humanity for five years. On the expiration of that period he returned to La Crosse, having sold out his business in the Gopher State, but after a time he again came to his old home in Winnebago City. He is probably the oldest physician in years of continuous practice in the State, having been a member of the medical fraternity for fifty-two years, during which time he has never engaged in other business enterprises to the exclusion of his chosen life work.

In 1855, in Columbia, New York, Dr. Satterlee was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Mosier, a native of New York and a daughter of D. Eli and Sarah (Newberg) Mosier, natives of Connecticut. By this union were born two children,—Rebecca, now the wife of Charles Holden, who is living in Amboy, Minnesota; and Amelia F., one of the most accomplished and proficient teachers of music in the State. In 1861 the Doctor was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 30th of July. Some time after he was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Sarah M. Wilcox, who was born in Oxford, New York, and is a daughter of Asa and Betsy (Barr) Wells, who were natives of Massachusetts and died in Wisconsin. Mrs. Satterlee is a cultured lady and her moral worth, her kindness and her devoted life have won her the warm friendship of many.

In his political views the Doctor is and long has been a stalwart Republican. He is a man of fine physique, six feet in height and weighing 225 pounds. For more than half a century he has devoted his life to the medical profession and his labors in this calling have been prompted by a kind spirit which sympathizes with the suffering as much as by a desire to gain a remuneration. In the sick room he has a pleasant, genial bearing which is of itself a tonic, and this has had much to do with his success. He is now well advanced in life, yet he still practices to a limited extent, for many are loath to give up their old family physician whom they have learned to trust, respect and honor.

A. B. ALLEN, editor and proprietor of the Jackson Republican and one of the progressive citizens of the county, was born in the State of New York, and during his boyhood days was taken by his parents to Illinois. There was a large family of children, and it was often difficult to provide for them, for the father was in limited circumstances, and in frontier settlements it was not easy to obtain the comforts of life. Thus while still a boy Mr. Allen started out in life for himself to earn his living and spent a number of years in boating on the Mississippi river. He there met the lowest classes of society, and such a life had no attraction for him, so as soon as possible he secured other employment, and his next service took him to the lumber woods of Wiscontin. His school privileges were necessarily extremely limited, but he wished to improve, made the most of his opportunities and by observation he gained much valuable information. He possesses a retentive memory and in the school of experience learned lessons that have been of incalculable benefit to him in his later career.

After the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion Mr. Allen resolved to strike

a blow in defense of the Union, and became a member of a Wisconsin regiment, in which he served until after the cessation of hostilities. He was ever found at his post of duty, faithful to the banner which he followed and the cause it represented. On the close of the struggle he received an honorable discharge and returned at once to the North.

Mr. Allen now located in Iowa, and later came to Minnesota. In 1882 he was married and removed to Dakota, where he engaged in merchandising. Subsequently he entered the employ of a railroad company in the capacity of station agent, and on leaving that work engaged in banking in Winifred, North Dakota, his wife acting as cashier. He was later associated with a bank in Wentworth, Wisconsin, Mrs. Allen again acting as cashier, and in 1886 he came to Jackson, shortly after purchasing the Jackson Republican, of which he has since been editor and proprietor. This paper is above the average of its class of publications, and its merits commend it to a liberal patronage; it is well edited, ably managed and is a bright, interesting sheet, deserving the success which has come to it.

The lady who now bears the name of Mrs. Allen is deserving of more than passing mention, for she has been to her husband a true helpmeet and is a lady respected for the many excellencies of her character. Mrs. Van Orman Allen was born in Sharon, Ohio, in 1846, and in February, 1865, became the wife of Clark Baldwin. Immediately after their marriage they came to Jackson, Minnesota, being numbered among the honored pioneer settlers of this locality. Mr. Baldwin's health failing she accompanied him to Texas, thinking that the change might prove beneficial; but it proved otherwise. He gradually grew worse, and they started to return to their old Minnesota home. At length they reached some friends in Kansas, where two days later Mr. Baldwin passed from this life. The lady returned to Jackson in 1879, and in 1882, as before stated, became the wife of A. B. Allen. She is a cultured, refined lady, of good educational and fine executive ability, and is an invaluable assistant to her husband in his work. She is also prominent in society affairs, has served as president of the Woman's Relief Corps and is at present District Deputy Grand Master of the Order of Rebekah. In her home she is a most capable hostess, presiding with grace, and has the happy faculty of placing her guests at ease.

Mr. Allen recently issued a souvenir edition of the Republican, celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of that paper. It is a very fine edition,—a credit to the town and the publisher. Man's success is not measured by the heights to which he climbs but by the distance between his starting point and the altitude that he has reached. At the lowest round of the ladder Mr. Allen began the ascent, but steadily and persistently has he worked his way upward until he now has secured the fruits of earnest, honest labor and the respect of all.

HENRY HOHENSTEIN, who stands as one of the most prosperous agriculturists of Delafield township, Jackson county, Minnesota, and who is known and honored throughout the entire section, is one whose career exemplifies the value which the hardy, honest and frugal German type has had in insuring the

development and stable prosperity of our nation, and a recognition of such a man is surely demanded in a work of this nature.

Our subject was born in Prussia on the 10th of February, 1853, the son of Ferdinand and Charlotte (Kane) Hohenstein, and one of the three children yet living,—the others being Bertha, now the wife of Fred Ebert, of Heron Lake township, this county, and Albert Hohenstein, of Lakefield, same county.

The father, Ferdinand Hohenstien, was born in Prussia in the year 1818, his early life having been passed in his native country, where he was married. In the year 1859 he emigrated with his family to America, landing in this country almost penniless, but in no wise disheartened, since he had an abiding faith in his power to accomplish and in the possibilities afforded in the new land, for a poor man. The family first settled in the town of Bloomfield, Wisconsin, where they were among the pioneer residents. They remained in Wisconsin until 1870, when they removed to Minnesota, settling in Delafield township, Jackson county, where the father took up a homestead claim of eighty acres, on section 32. Here he and his wife have since continued to reside, but have retired from active life and are passing their declining years in peace and contentment in the home of their son, our subject, to whom they transferred the homestead some years since. Each is seventy-seven years of age and both are active and in exceptional health.

Henry Hohenstein, the immediate subject of this review, was six years of age when the family emigrated to this country, and during his entire life he has been concerned with agricultural pursuits. Soon after attaining his majority he started out in life for himself, and being possessed of energy and enforced with a goodly endowment of courage and endurance he was from the first successful. To-day he owns a fine farm of 420 acres, all but eighty of which lie adjacent to the original homestead, being situated in Delafield township and the adjoining township of Heron Lake. He is recognized as one of the successful and influential men of this section and is held in the highest esteem and confidence. The family residence, which is conspicuous as one of the most attractive in this part of the county, both as to architectural design and eligibility of location, was erected in 1888 and stands in evidence of the taste and enterprise of the owner and as an ornament to the township.

Mr. Hohenstein lends an active support to the Republican party and its principles, and in local affairs of public nature he has always maintained a progressive attitude and has given his support to all measures looking to the advancement of the higher interests of the township. He has never sought political preferment, but such is his standing in the community that for the past ten years he has been retained as a member of the Board of Supervisors of his county as a representative of his township. In his religious associations he has long been an active and zealous member of the Lutheran Church.

Reverting in brief to the domestic feature of Mr. Hohenstein's career, we find that on the 16th of July, 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Rayburne, who is also a native of Germany. They have had seven children, namely: Ida, wife of Herman Burmester, of Heron Lake township; and Hetty, Alma, Henry, Lizzie, Artie and Walter, all of whom yet remain beneath the parental roof-tree.

JOHN WILLIAM FREDRICK SCHULTZ, a farmer of Martin county, was born in Prussia, Germany, August 18, 1836, a son of John and Frederica (Schuette) Schultz. The parents came to America in 1843, locating in Niagara county, New York, fourteen miles east of Buffalo, where they remained until 1866. In November, of that year, the father died, at the home of our subject, at the age of seventy-five years. The mother, born in 1806, died in 1881. They were the parents of six children, namely: Charles, Louisa, Fredrica (wife of Charles Visenz), John W. F., William and Henry. All are now deceased but our subject and Fredrica. Henry died in the South during the late war.

John W. F. Schultz came on foot to Washington county, Minnesota, in May, 1862, where he purchased eighty acres of land, and remained there until 1874. He then located on 220 acres of land in Harrison township, Kandiyohi county, this State, and May 17, 1892, he purchased his farm of 440 acres in Martin county, 240 acres of which is under a good state of cultivation. Mr. Schultz is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, owning at the present time eleven horses, twenty-seven cattle and thirteen hogs.

June 17, 1861, our subject was united in marriage with Louisa Pagel, born February 16, 1836, a daughter of Christian and Louisa (Schultz) Pagel. To this union have been born the following children: Henry, born October 16, 1861, died April 20, 1892: William August, born April 7, 1864, is engaged in farming; Christina, born March 3, 1866, married Gustave Roggow; John W., born April 14, 1868, was married November 29, 1894, to Bertha Dorothea Peymann; August Charles William, born April 29, 1870, is at home; Charles Frederick, born December 19, 1872; Edward Paul, born January 10, 1875, died January 7, 1877; Lewis William, born July 8, 1877; Annie May Amelia, December 11, 1880; and Edward Andrew Orro, April 9, 1884. Mr. Schultz acts with the Democratic party, and is a member of Rev. Beck's church in Fraser township.

WILLIAM CLAUDIUS PORTMANN, M. D., who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Jackson, Minnesota, is a worthy representative of that profession whose importance to humanity is second to that of no other calling to which men devote abilities or energies. A native of Switzerland, he was born in canton Soluthurn on the 7th of June, 1858, and is a son of Victor and Ann Maria (Hugo) Portmann. The grandfather was of English and French descent, was a civil engineer by profession and served as a soldier under Louis XIV. The Doctor's father was an only child and was born in the land of the Alps in 1818. A railroad builder and civil engineer he was in the employ of the Swiss government for some time and was a man of considerable ability and force of character. In the latter part of 1865 he was sent to this country to buy railroad iron for a German company, and in 1867 he again visited the United States. He made a permanent location here on the 29th of April, 1869, at which time he landed in New York. He was attracted by the privileges and advantages of the New World and resolved to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic. Locating in Ohio, he was employed in the survey of the Tuscarawas Valley Railroad, and his death oc-

curred in Canton, Ohio, July 2, 1874, he having attained the age of fifty-six years.

The children of Victor Portmann were all born in Switzerland and all became residents of this country. Emil Odo died at Canton, Ohio; Victoria is the wife of August Newman, a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Elise is the wife of K. Hug; Albert is a hardware and tin merchant of Massillon, Ohio; Lena is the wife of Julius Hug, who is located in Nevada, Ohio; Anna is the wife of John Snyder, a resident of Canton, Ohio; the Doctor is the next younger; Walter Jacob is a machinist of Canton, Ohio; Rosa is the wife of William M. Finke, of Canton, Ohio; and Ceasar Augustus is a druggist of Jackson, Minnesota.

This family remained together until 1883. William Claudius Portmann was a lad of eleven years when with his father he came to America. The family settled in Canton, Ohio, and he acquired his literary education in its common schools, after which he took up the study of medicine with his brother. He pursued a course of lectures in the Western Reserve College of Cleveland, entering that institution in 1879 and taking a three years' course. He then joined his brother in a partnership for the practice of his chosen profession, which he continued in Canton until the fall of 1883, which year witnessed his removal to Mandan, North Dakota. About two years and a half were passed in that place, after which he came to Jackson, Minnesota, and since May 25, 1886, this place has been his home. He at once opened an office here and from the beginning has enjoyed a liberal patronage from among the best class of people, who recognize his skill and ability. He is a close student of his profession and neglects no opportunity to further perfect himself in his chosen calling, keeping abreast with all the new theories and discoveries and putting into use all his judgment sanctions.

The Doctor was happily married on the 13th of September, 1883, in Canton, Ohio, to Miss Emma Elizabeth Ball, the estimable daughter of Colonel Ephraim (Babb) Ball. Her mother belonged to one of the old Pennsylvania Dutch families and her father to one of the best families of Virginia, which was founded in the Old Dominion by English ancestors. To Dr. and Mrs. Portmann have been born three children,—Urs Victor, who was born in Jackson, January 20, 1887; Milton Claudius, born October 20, 1889; and Arthur Ball, born December 4, 1890. In social circles the parents occupy an enviable position and throughout the community have many warm friends.

The Doctor is a charter member of the Odd Fellows' Society of Jackson, and is an honored member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In 1887 he was appointed Coroner of the county and has since filled that position. In all the relations of life he is found true and faithful, is a valued citizen and an able physician, and his honorable career has gained him the highest regard.

HON. JAMES WILSON HUNTER, whose name is inseparably connected with the official and commercial history of Jackson county, is now successfully engaged in business as one of the representative merchants of the city of Jackson. A native of Scotland, he was born on the 16th of August, 1837, in Stanley, Perthshire, and is a son of James and Agnes (Cook) Hunter. His father never left Scotland, but died there about thirty

years ago, at the age of sixty-four. In the family were the following children: John Cook, now a real-estate dealer of Duluth, Minnesota; James Wilson; David, who died in Jackson in 1869; Agnes, wife of Alex Fiddes, of Jackson; and Grace, wife of William Henderson, of Waseca, Minnesota. The eldest son was the first of the family to seek a home in the United States. He sailed from Scotland in 1853 and first took up his residence upon a farm near Kalamazoo, Michigan. He then removed to Hastings, this State, and later to Wilton, thence to Duluth, where he is now living. Ere leaving the land of his birth he was married and has a family of two sons and four daughters.

The next to cross the briny deep was Mr. Hunter, whose name heads this article. The years of his boyhood were passed under the parental roof, and at the age of eighteen he bade adieu to home and friends and sailed for New York, where he arrived in the fall of 1855. He then visited his brother, near Kalamazoo, Michigan, and in that city began work as a salesman for the firm of Walters, Bassett & Bates. He continued with them for three months, then went to Dubuque, Iowa, where he secured a clerkship with M. J. R. Treat, with whom he continued for three years, when his employer failed. He then spent a short time in travel and later purchased a general merchandise store in Wilton which had been established by his brother and which he subsequently re-sold to his brother. In 1858 he returned to Scotland and on again crossing the Atlantic brought with him his mother, his brother and two sisters, his father having died in the meantime. He now located in Waseca, Minnesota, where he built a store and in partnership with his brother again entered the mercantile field. For two years he carried on a store in Estherville, Iowa, in connection with Alex McKay under the firm name of Hunter & McKay. In February, 1868, he brought his family to Jackson and in connection with his brother began business here under the firm style of Hunter Brothers, this connection continuing until the death of David Hunter.

The gentleman of whom we write had intended to return to the East in 1868, but while en route he stopped at Jackson to see the town and concluded to make it his future home. He bought a stock of general merchandise of Thomas White and in that building carried on the business for some time. He became sole proprietor in 1873 and successfully managed and conducted the establishment, making it one of the leading stores of the place. In the fall of 1893 he moved into his present store building which had just been erected, and there carries on a good trade, enjoying a liberal patronage which has constantly increased from the beginning. He is also interested in the Jackson Farmers' Elevator Company, of which he was secretary until January, 1894.

On the 19th of August, 1870, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hunter and Miss Bessie Ross. The lady was born September 16, 1847, and is a daughter of Alex and Isabella (Graham) Ross, natives of Scotland. Three children have come to bless their home,—Isabella Graham, born June 17, 1874; William Dixon, born January 1, 1879; and Agnes Grace, born February 9, 1881. Their home is a pleasant one, noted for its hospitality, and the parents hold an enviable position in social circles.

Mr. Hunter is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and in his political connections is a Republican. In 1870

he was elected Treasurer of Jackson, and so faithfully did he serve that on the expiration of his first term he was again placed in that position. He has represented his district in the State Legislature, being elected from the district comprising Jackson, Faribault, Martin, Nobles, Rock, Cottonwood and Pipestone counties. He and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church. In public office he has labored for the welfare of the community; in church relations he is consistent and true; in business he is honorable and upright; in the home and among friends he is a pleasant genial gentleman who deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

JACOB MUELLER, a farmer of Fox Lake township, Martin county, was born in Unterowisheim, Baden, Germany, October 20, 1853, a son of John Christoph and Elizabetha (Oberst) Mueller. The father was one of three children,—John Christoph, Elizabetha Glass and Caroline Deckinger. Grandfather Carl Oberst died when our subject was very young, aged about sixty-six years, having been a farmer by occupation. His children were as follows: Carl (deceased), Christiana Deuchler, Jacob Christian, Elizabetha, Magdalena Deuchler and John. John Christoph, father of our subject, was born November 14, 1827, and now resides in Kane county, Illinois, having emigrated to America in the fall of 1890. He was a farmer in the old country. The mother of our subject was born September 16, 1830, and is still living. They were married in the fall of 1848, and have had five children, namely: John Carl, born June 26, 1849, and a farmer by occupation, was first married to Christiana Feil, one son, John, having been born to that union, and by his second wife, Catharina Feil, he had nine children: Christian Fredrick, born April 14, 1851, was a baker by trade, was married to Elizabetha Deuchler, and his death occurred in the spring of 1893; Jacob, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, born March 7, 1857, married Charles Brecht, and shortly afterward, in June, 1882, came to America, locating in Webster county, Nebraska, and their children are Emil, William, Otto, Lewis and Clara; and Louisa, born December 23, 1870, married August Beisel, of Chicago, Illinois.

Jacob Mueller, the first of the family to come to America, left Bremen July 24, 1879, and, after landing at New York, joined an acquaintance in Elgin, Illinois, where he remained about two years. He next spent one year in Dundee, that State, returned to Elgin for two years, and December 4, 1885, he came to Martin county, Minnesota. He spent the first winter here in Fairmont, and in the following spring rented land of James Morgan, in section 22, Fox Lake township. In July, 1890, Mr. Mueller purchased his present place of Boten Clark, which consists of 160 acres in section 14, Fox Lake township, and ninety acres is under a fine state of cultivation. He moved on the place October 20, 1891.

March 5, 1882, at Dundee, Kane county, Illinois, Mr. Mueller was united in marriage with Christiana Oberst, a daughter of Michael and Magdalena (Geckler) Oberst. The father was born in Unterowisheim, Baden, August 4, 1825, came to America in 1865, locating in Kane county, Illinois, and his death occurred October 27, 1893. The mother, born in Unterowisheim, Baden, August 24, 1825, still resides in Illinois. They

were the parents of three children: John, deceased in 1872, at the age of sixteen years; Adam, born in 1860, married Reka Peano, and resides in Kane county; Christiana, born March 1, 1863. Our subject and wife have two children: John Jacob, born July 17, 1883; and Louisa Christiana, August 28, 1884. Mr. Mueller was confirmed in Germany, March 29, 1868, by Rev. Sevin, and is now a member of the Evangelical Church in Fraser township.

AUGUST JACOB FREDERICK RETTKE.—The subject of this review is a typical representative of the sturdy sons of Germany who have played so important a part in the substantial progress of the United States, to which they have added an element which has represented the most sterling integrity, an indomitable perseverance, and a high regard for the institutions and laws of the country which has afforded a home and an opportunity to rise in the world. Mr. Rettke was born in Kirgkow, district of Louenburg, Pommern, Germany, on the 29th of October, 1849, being the son of Frederick and Henrietta (Pitsch) Rettke.

Frederick Rettke was born April 8, 1824, and in his native land was identified with the agricultural industry for a long term of years. He set sail from Bremen in 1872 and came to America, where he joined his son August, our subject, of Saint Louis. His marriage to Henrietta Pitsch occurred in June, 1849, the date her birth having been June 6, 1825. She accompanied him to the New World, in 1872, and here she passed the residue of her life, her death occurring August 27, 1886. Of their children four are yet living, the record of the entire number being as follows: August, subject of this sketch; John, deceased; Ernestina, deceased; Charles; Pauline; Ferdinand, deceased; two who died in early childhood; and Henry.

August J. F. Rettke left his native land when a young man of twenty years, setting sail from Bremen on the 17th of June, 1869, and landing at Baltimore in due course of time, disembarking August 4th. During the first eight months after his arrival here he was employed on a farm in Maryland, after which he passed one year at Detroit, Michigan, going thence to Saint Louis, Missouri, where he was occupied as a general laborer for one year. He then began to learn the trade of brick-mason, and, becoming an expert workman, he began contracting in the line on his own responsibility, being thus occupied from the year 1880 up to May 19, 1894, which was the date of his arrival in Martin county, Minnesota. He had effected the purchase of his present fine farm in September, 1893, and here he at once took up his abode, giving himself energetically to its cultivation and improvement. His farm comprises the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 20, and one-half of the northeast quarter of section 29, besides lots 3 and 4 of that section, in Rutland township, the entire area of the tract being 185 acres. The farm has a good house and barn, and other buildings have been erected by our subject since taking possession of the place. There are 120 acres under cultivation, and the place has a fine grove covering four acres.

December 21, 1877, Mr. Rettke was united in marriage to Miss Christina Klœpper, who was born November 8, 1857, the daughter of Henry and Christina (Rather) Klœpper. Mr. and Mrs. Rettke are the

parents of seven children, whose names, with respective dates of birth, are here given: August, born January 15, 1878; Emma, May 7, 1880; Otto, September 16, 1882; Hulda, June 21, 1885; Lulu, November 7, 1888; Matilda, March 20, 1891; and Olinda, February 27, 1894.

Our subject and wife are members of the German Evangelical Church, being identified with the congregation of which the Rev. F. L. Frey is pastor, in Fairmont. In his political belief our subject is a stanch Republican.

CHARLES HENRY SANDON.—Prominent in professional circles of Jackson county stands the gentleman whose name introduces this record. For many years he was connected with the agricultural interests of the county and was one of the leading and influential farmers. The day when the farming class was considered inferior to the commercial and professional man has long since passed, and their power is felt like the strong and steady undercurrent of a mighty stream, often unseen but felt and obeyed. In whatever calling, however, Judge Sandon is found he will always prove a valued citizen.

He was born in Northampton, England, on the 7th of October, 1844, and is a son of Thomas and Eliza (Goodwin) Sandon, wealthy people of England. In the spring of 1844 the father emigrated to America, landing in New York, and thence made his way to Dane county, Wisconsin, where he pre-empted a tract of land in Burke township. He was accompanied on the emigration by his wife and six children. He continued farming on his original claim throughout his remaining days and passed away at his Wisconsin home in June, 1863, at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife continued to live on the old homestead for two years, then went to Ontario, Wisconsin, where she died, in 1867, at the age of sixty-eight. This worthy couple were the parents of the following children: Samuel Thomas, who carries on farming in Dane county; Robert, a retired merchant and real-estate dealer living in Madison, Wisconsin; William, an agriculturist of Ontario, Wisconsin; Sarah Ann, who became the wife of P. C. Chapman, and is now the widow of Hermann Satterlee, a resident of Chicago; Harriet, deceased wife of B. R. Ellis; Charles Henry; and Elbert Washington, a merchant, who is also operating a sawmill and flourmill in Ontario, Wisconsin.

Mr. Sandon, whose name heads this sketch, was brought to America by his parents during his infancy and was reared on the old home farm in Dane county, and continued with his father until after the breaking out of the Civil war. In September, 1861, in Ripon, Wisconsin, he offered his services to the Government, joining Company G, First Wisconsin Cavalry, in which he served for three years, being then honorably discharged in November, 1864. He participated in a number of important engagements, including the battles of Chickamauga, Dalton, Kenesaw Mountain and Atlanta, and during his term was always found at his post of duty,—faithful to the old flag and the cause it represented.

After his return home he attended school for a year, and then began farming in his own interest. In September, 1866, he crossed the Mississippi into Minnesota and took up his residence in Jackson county, purchasing 200 acres of land on section 29, Wisconsin township. In the spring of 1867

he brought his family hither and began life in earnest. He added to his first purchase another tract of forty acres and placed the greater part of it under a high state of cultivation. He met with some reverses, for grasshoppers destroyed four crops and at another time a crop was partly demolished by hail; yet he overcame these difficulties by persistant effort and his perseverance and diligence have secured for him a comfortable competence. He continued his farming operations until the winter of 1891, when he came to Jackson and has since made his home in this city.

On the 28th of November, 1865, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Sandon and Miss Sarah Jane Fields, daughter of William Alonzo and Mary Ann (Edsel) Fields. The lady was born September 12, 1847, and by her marriage has become the mother of an interesting family of children, namely: Joseph Elbert, who was born December 22, 1867, and died December 5, 1888; Harriet Ethel, who was born June 8, 1870, and died January 2, 1889; Viola Antoinette, who was born April 27, 1873, and is now teaching school in Jackson county; E. Stella Agnes, born September 18, 1875; Nettie Frances, who was born November 4, 1878; Harry Heman, born February 6, 1881; Samuel E., born December 24, 1884; William Alonzo, born March 30, 1887; and Robert Cassius, born August 8, 1888. The Sandon household is the abode of hospitality and its members rank high in the social circles in which they move.

Mr. Sandon holds membership in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and John A. Myers Post, No. 60, G. A. R. He is the same loyal citizen in times of peace as when in the days of war he followed the stars and stripes which now float triumphantly over the united nation. In the autumn of 1889 he was elected Probate Judge on the Republican ticket, was re-elected in 1891 and again in 1893, so that he is yet serving. Only merit wins re-election and therefore we could give no higher testimonial of his ability and fidelity. He was the first Assessor of Wisconsin township, was its clerk for sixteen years and has filled all other township offices, called to public life by his fellow-townsmen who repose in him the utmost confidence,—a confidence that has never been betrayed.

GEORGE H. DONBARG, a prosperous merchant of the village of Wells, Minnesota, is a native of the neighboring State of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in the city of Racine on the 24th of March, 1852. He is the only child of George A. and Ruth A. (Thomas) Donbarg, both natives of New York. The father was born in the year 1827, and on attaining his majority started out in life for himself. By trade he was a carpenter and for several years followed that occupation in Racine, whence he later removed to Columbia county, Wisconsin, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in 1863. Like her husband, Mrs. Donbarg was born in the Empire State, and was a daughter of Jacob and Roxanna Thomas.

The gentleman whose name introduces this record was a lad of only eleven summers at the time of his father's death, and shortly after removed with the family to Portage, Wisconsin, where the succeeding four years of his life were passed. He subsequently learned the jeweler's trade, which

he has since successfully followed, and today he is the leading jewelry merchant in Wells. He was a young man of twenty-four years when he came to Minnesota and located in this town, which he believed offered a fine opportunity for the development of his particular line of business. In this view he was not mistaken. The town had not long since sprung into existence, becoming a flourishing young village, and in 1876 it gained a wide-awake and enterprising young business man in the person of Mr. Donbarg, who established a jewelry store, which he has since conducted. He has a complete stock of goods, carefully selected, and is now enjoying a good trade. He has also for some years been the owner of the leading livery barn in the town, and has owned some exceptionally fine horses, of which he is very fond.

On the 24th of March, 1877, Mr. Donbarg was united in marriage with Miss Mamie Barnes, a native of New Hampshire, who at an early age was left an orphan and was reared by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Barnes. They now have two children,—Mamie and Daisy,—who are still at their parental home. Mr. Donbarg is a pleasant, genial gentleman, a favorite with all classes of people, and is numbered among the most progressive and enterprising citizens of the county in which he now makes his home.

JOHN DIEHL, one of the prosperous and popular agriculturists of Fraser township, Martin county, Minnesota, is a native of Prussia, Germany, where he was born on the 6th day of June, 1822, the son of George and Louisa (Wertz) Diehl. The father died in 1859, but the mother lived to attain the venerable age of eighty years, her demise occurring in 1892. They were the parents of two children, Frederick and John, the latter being the immediate subject of this review.

John Diehl left his native land in April, 1854, and on reaching America made his way at once to Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in the mines during one winter. After this he devoted his attention to work at his trade, that of stonemason. From Pennsylvania he went to Cedarburg, Ozaukee county, Wisconsin, where he worked at his trade until the fall of 1868, when he came to Martin county, Minnesota, and here commenced operations in an agricultural line by working the farm of his son-in-law, Mr. Viesselman, on section 4, Fairmont township. In 1870 he took possession of his present fine farm, which comprises the northwest quarter of section 24, Fraser township, ninety acres of the tract being under cultivation. The place has substantial improvements in the way of buildings, and, in addition to completing these important evidences of thrift and prosperity, our subject has also a fine grove of six and one-half acres, the trees of which were set out by himself.

The marriage of Mr. Diehl was consummated March 5, 1846, when he joined heart and hand with Dora Bender, who was born October 8, 1825, the daughter of Conrad and Henrietta (Emerich) Bender, natives of Germany. She was the second of their three children, the others being Elizabeth and Henry. Our subject and his estimable wife became the parents of nine children, namely: Frederick, born August 29, 1847; Elizabeth, born September 22, 1849; Kate, March 14, 1851; Minnie, December 8, 1854; Lotta, May 1, 1856; Adolph, August 29, 1859; Mary, June 6, 1862; Henry, April 26,

1865; and Ida, who was born January 4, 1869, and died at the age of two years.

Mr. Diehl is a member of the German Evangelical Church and is identified with the organization presided over by Rev. F. L. Frey, at Fairmont. In his political adherency he lends his support to the Democratic party and its principles. A man of venerable age, he has so lived as to gain the good will and esteem of the people among whom he has made his abiding place for so many years, and his entire career has been marked by scrupulous integrity and honor.

HENRY WETENKAMP, a farmer of Martin county, was born in Wasanstadt, Germany, May 22, 1828, a son of Ludwig and Maria (Kerhoff) Wetenkamp. Ludwig Wetenkamp was one of five children, viz.: Albert, Henry, Christian, William and Margarita. He was twice married, and to the first union were born two children: Maria, deceased when young; and Henry, the subject of this sketch. The wife and mother died when the latter was only one year old, and the the father afterward married again and had one child, Frederick, born in 1836, married Maria Ripke, and is a farmer in the old country.

Henry Wetenkamp, our subject, was engaged in farming in his native country until 1880, having owned 200 acres of land. He subsequently rented his farm and opened a resort saloon, and also served as agent for the North German Lloyd Steamship Company. Leaving Bremen, October 23, 1878, he landed in Baltimore, November 8, following, after which he farmed on rented land near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one year, and then, March 18, 1879, came to Martin county, Minnesota. He purchased a farm in section 36, Fox Lake township, built a residence there the same year, and remained on that place until 1890, since which time he has resided in Welcome. Since September 8, 1893, he has been interested with his son in a saloon in this city.

Mr. Wetenkamp was first married to Christiana Strongmann, a daughter of Frederick and Maria (Vichmann) Strongmann. One child was born by that marriage, Frederick, in Germany, in December, 1853, and is now superintendent of the county poor farm in Milwaukee. He married Agnes Rose, and they have one child, Mary. March 20, 1857, Mr. Wetenkamp was united in marriage with Annie Hulsemann, who was born November 21, 1834. They have had the following children: Diedrich Henry, born October 20, 1857, was proprietor of a saloon at Amboy, Blue Earth county, married Ernestina Sachrom, and died in July, 1894; Anna Maria, born June 17, 1859, died on the following day; Henry Frederick, born July 22, 1860, married Lena Hulsemann, and is engaged in the saloon business with his father; Dorothea Lucy Adeline, born October 1, 1862, died May 26, 1863; John Christopher, born November 28, 1864, married Hannah Rothkamp and is a butcher in Milwaukee; August Hermann, born January 28, 1867, is engaged in the same occupation in Welcome, was married November 16, 1893, to Augusta Schacht, and they have one child, Walter, born February 26, 1894; Herman Frederick, born June 2, 1869, died November 7, of the same year; William Henry, born December 15, 1870, is working with his brother Christopher in Milwaukee, was married to Emma Ziemann, and they have two children, Christopher and Otto; Anna Maria, born September 21,

1873, is at home; and Augusta Maria, born June 29, 1876, married William Wolford, who was formerly a teacher but is now engaged in farming near Sherburne, and they have one son, Henry. The children were all baptized in the Church of Schmolforden, Germany, by Rev. Purckel. Mr. Wetenkamp was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Germany when fourteen years old. He is a Republican in his political views.

JOHN HENRY BRODT, a farmer of Martin county, was born in Hanover, Germany, September 9, 1838, a son of Ernest and Sophia (Schrader) Brodt. Grandfather Brodt had the following children: William, Ernest, Sophia and Margarita. The latter's son came to America in 1853, but his residence is now unknown. Ernest Brodt, born December 5, 1805, died in December, 1862, having been a life-long farmer in the old country. The mother of our subject, born in February, 1807, came to America in 1876, and died at the home of her daughter Mary, in September, 1880. They were the parents of the following children: Frederick, born in September, 1833, died in September, 1847; Sophia, born June 3, 1835, married Henry Frank, and died in September, 1863; John Henry, the subject of this sketch; Hermann, born June 24, 1841, died in Germany in July, 1856; Philip, born in December, 1843, died in January, 1846; Mary, born August 15, 1847, married Henry Plenge, and they are now engaged in agricultural pursuits in LaCrosse county, Wisconsin. Their children are: Minnie, Emma, William, Carl, Lewis and Alfred.

John Henry Brodt sailed from Bremen December 3, 1866, and, after landing at New York, came direct to La Crosse county, Wisconsin, where he worked for wages six months. He next farmed on 160 acres of rented land for seven years, after which, in 1874, he purchased 160 acres in Berry township, and remained on that place until coming to Martin county, Minnesota, October 9, 1879. During the first five years in this county Mr. Brodt rented the farm of William Viesselman, in section 2, Rolling Green township, and then purchased the land he now owns, on which he erected a residence in April, 1883. He did not locate permanently on the place until 1884, and his present residence was built in 1893. In October, 1890, he purchased the farm of F. Bruggerman, consisting of 260 acres, and his son, Henry F., now farms a part of that place.

Mr. Brodt was married in Germany November 25, 1864, to Minnie Krusmann, who was born November 6, 1842, a daughter of Henry and Sophia (Lussing) Krusmann. To this union have been born the following children: Mary Sophia, born September 3, 1865, died September 27, 1866; Henry William, born June 29, 1867, the first of the family born in America, died January 29, 1869; Henry Charlie, born April 3, 1869, was married February 23, 1893, to Sophia Barg, and they have one child, Chester; Lewis William, born August 21, 1871, is at home; Carl Henry, born June 12, 1873; Elizabeth Lottie, born May 11, 1875, was married April 7, 1893, to George Plumoff, and they have one son, Lewis; Minnie Dora, born December 3, 1877, is at home; Hermann W., born November 14, 1880; and one deceased in infancy.

In political matters, Mr. Brodt affiliates with the Democratic party. He is a member of Rev. F. L. Frey's church.

ASA GLEASON, a farmer of Faribault county, was born in Cayuga county, New York, February 23, 1816, a son of Adonijah Gleason, a native of Connecticut and a soldier in the war of 1812. The mother, *nee* Cynthia Bell, was a native of Vermont and a daughter of James Bell, who served as a Revolutionary soldier three years and six months. In 1823 Adonijah Gleason and wife moved to Ripley county, Indiana, where they were among the early pioneers, and in 1857 they located in Winona county, Minnesota, both dying there at the age of eighty-five years, the mother in July and the father in the following October, 1865. They had been married sixty-two years, and had twelve children, eleven of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Parson, Justus, Bathsheba, Adonijah, Cynthia, Phoebe, Ira, Newbury, Asa, William H. and Elisha. In political matters, the father was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. He was a local Baptist minister, and was a zealous worker in the Master's cause on the frontier.

Asa Gleason, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the frontier, and learned and followed the cooper's trade in early life. In 1852 he moved to Rock county, Wisconsin, where he remained two years, spent the following two years in Moultrie county, Illinois, in 1856 located in Winona county, Minnesota, and in 1864 came to Faribault county. He purchased 160 acres of good land, on which he has made many improvements.

Mr. Gleason was married at the age of twenty-one years, in Ripley county, Indiana, to Sarah Knotts, a native of Virginia, and they had four children, two now living. Cynthia was married at the age of twenty years to Anson Spencer, a native of New York. During the late war he enlisted in the Ninth Minnesota Infantry, Company K, was taken prisoner at Mill Springs, Kentucky, and remained in the Rebel prisons of Andersonville and Salisbury until his death at the age of twenty-eight years. He left two children, Erma and Chester. Mrs. Spencer has a good farm of 160 acres just east of her father's place. The other surviving child of our subject, Mary, is the wife of Andrew Johnson, of Windom, Minnesota, and an ex-soldier of the late war. The deceased children are William Thomas and Asa Samuel, the former dying in infancy, and the latter died at the age of nine years. Mrs. Gleason died ten years after her marriage. Our subject afterward married Elizabeth King, a daughter of Sidney King, of Kentucky. She departed this life at Moline Illinois, 1851. In political matters, Mr. Gleason connects himself with the Republican party, and has served as Township Supervisor and as a member of the School Board.

WILLIAM ERNEST VETTER, a farmer of Waverly township, Martin county, was born in Breslau, Prussia, Germany, January 18, 1848, a son of Gotlieb and Anna (Hoffmann) Vetter. Gotlieb was born September 19, 1817, and was one of three children,—Gotlieb, Carl and Johannah. He came to America May 1, 1867, and joined his son, the subject of this sketch, in Clinton county, Iowa. He was a blacksmith in the old country. His death occurred October 19, 1884. The mother of our subject, born January 10, 1822, died in Germany, October 11, 1856. Gotlieb and Anna Vetter were married October 22, 1843, and had the following children: Robert, born May 2,

1844, was killed at Nashville, Tennessee, December 16, 1864, while a soldier in the late war; Gotlieb, born February 5, 1846, died when only twenty-four days old; William Ernest, our subject; Anna, born April 21, 1849, died July 4, of the same year; Paulina, born June 5, 1850, died June 24, following; Mary, born May 3, 1852, died August 25, of the same year; Adam, born November 27, 1853, is deceased; Henrietta, born February 8, 1855, married John Koenig, of this county; and Leberecht, born October 11, 1856, died when four days old.

William Ernest Vetter emigrated to America December 1, 1864. His brother Robert came to this country the year previous, and was then in the army. William spent the first winter here engaged in chopping wood in Henry county, Illinois, and in the spring of 1865 went to Clinton county, Iowa, where he worked for wages five years. September 13, 1870, he enlisted in the United States army, at Davenport, that State, was sent to Ft. Leavenworth barracks, served in Indian Territory, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Dakota, and was discharged at the close of his five years' service. Returning to Clinton county, Mr. Vetter worked for wages a year and a half, and then farmed on rented land until he came to Martin county, Minnesota, in January, 1885. He rented land here for about two years, and in the fall of 1888 purchased the farm he now owns, of J. L. Higgins, located in section 30, Waverly township. He now owns 160 acres of good land, 150 acres of which is under a fine state of cultivation.

Mr. Vetter was married February 13, 1877, to Miss Adeline Miller, born April 18, 1859, a daughter of Frederick and Dorothea Koch Miller. They had the following children: William Frederick, born January 24, 1878; Henry August, February 6, 1880; Adelina, November 23, 1883; Frederick John, May 23, 1887; Henry Reinhardt, born February 23, 1889, died April 25, following; and Minnie, born July 25, 1891. The wife and mother departed this life September 20, 1891. May 15, 1892, Mr. Vetter was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Caroline Meier, born March 13, 1867, a daughter of Christian and Bertha (Latz) Meier. They have had two children: Matilda, born March 27, 1893, died June 16, following; and John, born June 27, 1894, died January 19, of the following year. Mr. Vetter was confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Schroetz, Germany, October 6, 1861, by Rev. Fisher. In political matters, he affiliates with the Democratic party, and is now serving as Clerk of his school district and as Justice of the Peace.

HENRY WEISEMANN, a farmer of Fraser township, Martin county, was born in Will county, Illinois, April 2, 1858, a son of Ernest and Mary (Gieske) Weisemann. The father was born in Germany, July 24, 1823, and is now living in Sherburne. The mother was born February 15, 1822. They were married in Germany and came to America in 1856, locating in Will county, Illinois. In March, 1884, they came to Martin county, Minnesota, and, in company with his father, our subject purchased the south half of the north quarter and the north half of the south quarter of section 18, Fraser township, and both families moved on the farm. About 1890 Henry Weisemann purchased the north half of the north quarter of section 18, thus making a quarter section in one body. In 1894 he

sold eighty acres of his land, but still owns 240 acres, 180 acres of which is under a fine system of cultivation and contains all the necessary farm improvements.

Mr. Weisemann was married November 21, 1878, to Louisa Mackeben, born January 21, 1861, a daughter of August and Sophie (Hoislier) Mackeben. They have had seven children, namely: Mary, born January 19, 1882; Frederick, March 4, 1884; Henry, January 6, 1886; William, August 2, 1887; Ernest, October 20, 1889; Lydia, March 21, 1892; and Louie, February 14, 1894.

In political matters, Mr. Weisemann allies himself with the Democratic party.

HENRY THIEBOALDT, County Commissioner of Jackson county, was born in Holstein, Germany, December 1, 1849, a son of Hans Henry and Catherine (Mehs) Thieboaldt, natives also of that place. After coming to the United States, the family located at Davenport, Iowa, where the father died when Henry was ten years old. Mr. and Mrs. Thieboaldt had four children,—Cecelia, Henry, and Emma, and Hans, deceased. After the father's death, the mother again married, and to that union was born one daughter, Laura Amelia, now deceased. The family were members of the Lutheran Church.

Henry Thieboaldt, our subject, was reared in Scott county, Iowa, and received a good education in both the German and English languages. In 1882 he purchased wild land in Sioux Valley township, Jackson county, Minnesota, which is now one of the most valuable farms in the township, consisting of 208 acres. In his political relations, Mr. Thieboaldt has been identified with the Democratic party for many years. He has served as Township Supervisor, as Township Clerk four years, as Justice of the Peace, Assessor, and as a member of the School Board.

Our subject was married in Scott county, Iowa, to Miss Abelle Puck, a native of Holstein, Germany, but she was reared and educated in this country. By this union there were eight children, seven now living, viz.: John, aged twenty-two years; Willie, nineteen years; Amanda, sixteen years; Emma, twelve years; Amelia, eight years; Laura, six years; and Huldah, four years. The third child, Arvil, died at the age of eighteen months. The wife and mother departed this life December 24, 1893. She had been a kind wife and indulgent mother, and was loved by all who knew her.

QUILLARD WESLEY WILTSE, a pioneer settler and well known farmer residing in Lake Belt township, Martin county, was born in Leon, Cattaraugus county, New York, May 15, 1826, and is of Holland Dutch and English descent. His paternal grandfather, Andrew Wiltse, was born in Saratoga county, New York, and was descended from Holland Dutch ancestors, who located in the Colonies in an early day. He was three times married and reared a large family. The maternal great-grandfather of our subject was born in England, and was the founder of his family in the New World. Edmund Wiltse, father of our subject, was also a native of the Empire State, where he married Serena Holmes. In the year 1844 he emigrated westward with his family, locating in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, before

that State was admitted to the Union. He afterward went to Dodge county, where his death occurred, in June, 1861, he having attained the age of sixty-three years. His wife, who was born in 1800, was called to the home beyond the grave in 1852. In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Willard Wesley, whose name heads this review; Merritt Hulbrook, who was born in September, 1827, and is now farming in Nebraska. He married Miss Mary Herrick and they have five children. Mary Jane, now deceased, became the wife of Isaac Nichols and had one child, Edmund. Lavantia, deceased, became the wife of William Hart and they had one daughter, Dora. Edward has also passed away. Esther Triphena, deceased, after the death of her older sister married William Hart, and they had two children, William and Elmer. After the death of his first wife, the father of this family married Lavantia Runyon Holmes. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Wisconsin, and was a man highly esteemed for the many excellencies of his character.

Willard W. Wiltse spent the first eighteen years of his life in the State of his nativity, and the days of his boyhood and youth were unmarked by any event of special importance. He then accompanied his father on his removal to the Territory of Wisconsin and lived amid the wild scenes of the frontier, becoming familiar with the experiences of pioneer life. There were many hardships and trials to be borne, yet such a life was not entirely without its pleasures, and a sociability and spirit of helpfulness existed that is scarcely known at the present time, especially in the more populous regions. He continued a resident of Dodge county, Wisconsin, until 1864, when, on the 11th of July, he sought a home in Martin county. He had previously visited this locality, coming hither in May, at which time he secured a homestead. He built for himself a home, into which he moved on the 20th of September. While away from home, on the first of June, 1865, this house was destroyed by fire, and everything in it was burned, including some very valuable papers concerning the family history. With characteristic energy he began erecting another dwelling, putting up a substantial log house, which was his place of abode until the completion of his present commodious and comfortable home, in the autum of 1870. In the meantime he had given his attention partly to another pursuit than that to which he had been reared and which has practically been his life work. In October, 1868, he removed to Jackson, where he was employed as head sawyer by David Cardwell. In the fall of 1870 he returned to his farm and has continuously devoted his energies to its cultivation and further improvement. His home is located on section 21, Lake Belt township, and comprises 154 acres, which are well tilled.

On the 4th of December, 1854, Mr. Wiltse was joined in wedlock with Mary Jane Cardwell, daughter of Hugh and Abagail (Benson) Cardwell, and the youngest in a family of six children, the date of her birth being February 8, 1835, and the place Bennington county, Vermont. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wiltse are Edwin John, a prosperous farmer of Martin county, who is represented elsewhere in this volume; Alonzo, who was born October 23, 1859, married Cora Titus and has one child, Willie Elmer, who was born June 22, 1888, and is now living with our subject, for his mother died November 9, 1893; Elmer Willard, born

February 28, 1864, married Ina Stella Personeus and their children are Guy Elmer and Mary Vivian. Mr. and Mrs. Wiltse, out of the goodness of their hearts, have adopted a daughter, Lena Christina Jorginson, who was born November 3, 1879, and finds with them a pleasant home and tender care. All who know this worthy couple recognize their innate goodness, and their many excellent characteristics have won them the confidence and esteem of all. They have long resided in Martin county and among the honored pioneer settlers well deserve mention.

EDWIN JOHN WILTSE, Postmaster and farmer of Lake Belt, Minnesota, and an intelligent and highly respected citizen, is a Western man, having spent his entire life in the Mississippi valley. He was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, on the 4th of June, 1856, and is a son of Willard Wesley and Mary Jane (Cardwell) Wiltse. The ancestry of the family is given in connection with the sketch of W. W. Wiltse on another page of this work. In the usual manner of farmer lads our subject was reared, aiding in the labors of the fields through the summer months, while in the winter season he attended the district schools of the neighborhood, thus obtaining a fair education. He remained at home until 1885, with the exception of three years, which was passed in the neighborhood of Owatonna, Steele county, in the employ of different farmers. He began earning his own livelihood by work as a farm hand and throughout his entire life has carried on agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Wiltse purchased his present farm on the 18th of March, 1878, the property formerly belonging to William Cardwell and being partially improved. It is located on section 20, Lake Belt township, and is a rich and arable tract susceptible of high cultivation. He began building his residence on the 9th of June, 1885, and took up his abode therein on the 17th of July following. On the 10th of October, 1888, he purchased the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 17, Lake Belt township, and of his land 100 acres has been broken, while five and a half acres has been planted in beautiful trees and three acres is a slough. The fields are well tilled and the farm is neat and thrifty in appearance, improved with good buildings and supplied with other modern accessories. The place is stocked with twenty-nine head of cattle, forty-four head of hogs and six horses. Mr. Wiltse is regarded as one of the leading and successful farmers of the county, managing his affairs with good business ability, and by his well directed efforts securing for himself a comfortable competence.

On the 31st of March, 1885, Mr. Wiltse was united in marriage with Miss Lillian Emma Champine, who was born on the 15th of April, 1862. They began their domestic life on the farm which has since been their residence, and their home has been blessed with two children, a son and daughter,—Wilbur Willard, born January 24, 1887; and Millie, born March 15, 1893.

Mr. Wiltse took charge of the Lake Belt post-office October 22, 1888, and has since administered its affairs. He has served as a member of the township board of Supervisors, and in his political connections is a Republican, having been identified with that party since attaining his majority. He is

ever true to his duties of citizenship, and the best interests of the community in which he makes his home receive his earnest support. Throughout the neighborhood he has a wide acquaintance, and his genial, friendly manner has made him a popular and well-liked man.

CAPTAIN EBEN HARDING, a successful farmer of Faribault county, Minnesota, was born in Lincoln county, Maine, December 28, 1830, a son of Captain Josiah and Luella (Merrick) Harding, natives also of Maine, the former of English descent and the latter a member of a prominent family of that State. The mother died in 1887 at the age of seventy-seven years. The father was a sailor on salt water all his life, was an officer of his ship, and his death occurred in Maine when he was aged eighty-eight years. Captain Harding and wife were the parents of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters, and three of the sons were soldiers in the late war. Cyrus E. died in the service of his country, and William H. was a member of a Maine regiment, and now resides in California.

Eben Harding, the subject of this sketch, spent much of his time with his father on the water during his boyhood days. Later in life he was captain of a packet which did a profitable business on the sea, and was also in the wholesale and retail fishing trade for a number of years. In April, 1861, Mr. Harding enlisted for service in the late war, entering the Fourth Maine Infantry, under General McClellan, and took part in the first and second battles of Bull Run. He was afterward appointed Second Lieutenant of Company B, took part in seventeen battles, and was five times wounded. May 2, 1863, at Chancellorsville, he was severely wounded in the foot by a minie ball, for which he now receives a pension. Receiving his discharge in the same year, Mr. Harding came West to Minnesota and purchased unimproved land, but his farm is now one of the best in the township.

In May, 1850, he was united in marriage with Elmira Gover, a native of Vermont. To that union were born seven children: Lucinda (a successful teacher), Harry Nelson, Edwin, Emany, Ida Wallis, and two deceased,—Minnie, at the age of three years, and a baby boy. The wife and mother died in 1887, having been a member of the Free-will Baptist Church. In May, 1892, Mr. Harding married Emma Stedson, who was born, reared, and educated in Lorain county, Ohio,-a daughter of William R. and Huldah (Montgomery) Stedson. The father, a native of Massachusetts, died in 1878, and the mother departed this life when Mrs. Harding was a child. In his political relations, Mr. Harding is connected with the Republican party, and socially is a member of the G. A. R., McGulley's Post, No. 55, of which he has served as Commander for two years.

DENNIS ROONEY, a well-known farmer residing near Sherburne, Minnesota, is a native of county Down, Ireland, born March 30, 1829. For his family history, the reader is referred to the sketch of Dennis M. Rooney, in this work.

Dennis Rooney was in Wisconsin at the time the Civil war broke out, and November 6, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Seventeenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He

participated in the battles of Corinth and Vicksburg, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea; continued in active service until January, 1865, when he was honorably discharged in South Carolina.

The war over he returned to his home in Wisconsin, where he remained until November, 1867, when he came to Minnesota, first stopping in Winona county, and in March of the following year coming to Martin county and locating on his present farm, the southeast quarter of section twenty-four, township 103, range thirty-three. The first half of this quarter he homesteaded and the other half he secured under the timber-culture claim.

Mr. Rooney was married in April, 1865, to Annie, daughter of John and Bridget (Carbray) Rooney, and a native of county Sligo, Ireland. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Rooney are as follows: (1) Mary, born February 11, 1866, and died December 25, 1893. She was the wife of Henry Alcocks, a carpenter of Welcome, this county, and she left two little girls, Agnes Stella and Anna May, who have been taken to rear by their grandfather Rooney. (2) Katie, born August 22, 1867. (3) Daniel John, born May, 1868, died in infancy. (4) Ellen, born June 12, 1869, died June 30, 1892. (5) Sarah Jane, born January 6, 1871, is attending school at Sherburne. (6) Agnes Josephine, born December 24, 1873, died December 18, 1893. (7) Francis Henry, born in September, 1875. (8) Thomas, born May 8, 1877. (9) Dennis, born June 12, 1879. (10) Delia Ann, born January 31, 1881, and (11) James, born January 31, 1881, died December 28, 1893.

Mr. Rooney is one of the oldest settlers in this section of the county, and is as highly respected as he is well-known. He still occupies the original house he built on his claim. During his long residence here he has always been public-spirited and generous, and has done his part toward advancing the interests of the community in which he lives.

JOHN ASCHEMAN, a farmer of Faribault county, was born in the province of Prussia, Germany, January 1, 1828, a son of John G. and Mary (Bruner) Ascheman. The father was drafted for service in the German war, but obtained a substitute. The mother was born in Germany and died when our subject was eighteen months of age, leaving six children. When John had attained the age of three years he was fully orphaned, by the death of his father, after which he was taken in charge by his paternal uncle, at whose home he was reared. He attended school until fourteen years of age, after which he worked at farm labor for his uncle until the time when he attained his majority.

Two years later he determined to try his fortune in the New World, and accordingly set sail for Rotterdam, via Liverpool, for Quebec, and was thirty-two days on the sea. The winter after arriving in this country he spent in the pine woods of Michigan and continued thus engaged for five years.

In 1858 Mr. Ascheman came to Faribault county, Minnesota, where he took up a claim of Government land, but three years later he returned East as far as Wisconsin, and for three years was engaged in working in the pineries of that State and Michigan. Coming again to Faribault county, he purchased his present farm of 213 acres, where he has a good residence and many other improvements.

In 1864 Mr. Ascheman enlisted for service in the late war of the Rebellion, entering Company C, Eleventh Minnesota Infantry, which was subsequently stationed in turn at Nashville, Richland Station and Gallatin, Tennessee. At the close of the struggle he was honorably discharged, at St. Paul, Minnesota.

At the age of thirty-five years our subject was united in marriage to Mary Powley, a native of Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of John Powley. To this union four children have been born, namely: John, who owns and operates a good farm in this township; Jo., aged twenty-two years, is at home, as is also William, who is now (1895) eighteen years of age; the daughter, Maggie, died at the age of twenty-one years. The wife and mother departed this life in 1888.

In political matters Mr. Ascheman lends his support to the Democratic party and its principles, and religiously he is a member of the Catholic Church.

ANTON ROSSKOPF.—Among the many prominent individuals of German birth or extraction who have lent such effective aid in developing the agricultural resources of Martin county, Minnesota, and who have so lived as to gain the esteem and confidence of men, the subject whose life is now under review must be accorded place, being recognized as one of the representative agriculturists of this section.

A native of Bavaria, Germany, Mr. Rosskopf was born on the 13th of June, 1834, the son of Anton and Walberg (Schreiber), Rosskopf. His paternal grandfather, Saxver Rosskopf, was three times married, becoming the father of four sons by the first union (the youngest of these being the father of our subject), of three daughters by the second marriage, and of one son by the third. Saxver Rosskopf was a farmer by occupation, and he died in 1847, aged about sixty years. The mother of our subject was the youngest of three children,—one boy and two girls,—her father having been engaged in the manufacture of nails by hand, in Germany. The father of our subject was born in 1800, and was a prosperous farmer, owning his own land, in Germany, where he died at the age of forty-six years. The mother was born in 1807, and she lived to attain the advanced age of seventy-two years, her death occurring at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the home of her daughter, Mary. She was the mother of three children: Anton is the subject of this sketch; Mary, born in 1837, is the wife of John Reichertger, who is a cooper by trade, being a resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin: they are the parents of six children; Walberg, the younger sister of our subject, was born in 1840, and is the wife of Frank Anders, a baker at Mankato, Minnesota, their children being six in number.

After the death of his father our subject assumed charge of the old home farm in Germany, devoting his entire attention to its cultivation until the time when the little family determined to seek a new home in America. In company with his mother and two sisters he set sail from Bremen, on the 26th of June, 1850, landing in New York on the 26th of August. They came by rail to Chicago, and thence by boat to Milwaukee. From the latter city they proceeded overland to Washington county, Wisconsin, where they purchased sixty acres of land, in Addison

township, the place being a timber tract and entirely unreclaimed. To the improvement and cultivation of this farm our subject devoted himself until October 20, 1865, when he came to Minnesota, locating at Owatonna, Steele county, where he worked at the carpenter's trade until 1869, which year witnessed his arrival in Martin county. On March 6, of the year mentioned, he came to his present farm, the purchase of which he had effected the previous year, and for a time he was installed in the home of George Hopp. His original purchase comprised the north half of the northeast quarter and the north half of the northwest quarter of section 6, Fraser township, but he has since added to the area of his possession here until he now has 710 acres, lying in Fraser, Waverly and Galena townships; when he came to this county to reside he brought with him $215 in cash and thirteen head of stock, and in this equipment was represented the nucleus of his present prosperity. His home place, in Fraser township, is the headquarters from which he directs the cultivation of his wide-spreading acres, 330 of which are broken. His excellent and attractive farm residence was erected in 1891, and the commodious barn was completed in the same year. Among other improvements Mr. Rosskopf has planted a fine grove of twenty-six acres. In addition to general farming he devotes considerable attention to stock-raising, having at the time of this writing sixteen horses, twenty-eight head of cattle, thirty hogs and a flock of 400 sheep.

An ardent supporter of the principles and policies advocated by the Republican party, Mr. Rosskopf has been called upon to serve his township as Supervisor,—a position which he held for three years. In their religious adherency both he and his wife are identified with the Lutheran Church.

The marriage of our subject to Hannah Beistl was solemnized August 18, 1856, and her death occurred June 16, 1858, at the untimely age of twenty-three years. She left one child, Mary, who was born August 3, 1857, and who is now the wife of Dr. Herman Lucas, a resident of Fairfax, this State. They have had five children,—Rosa, Herman, Albert, and two others who died in early childhood. The second marriage of Mr. Rosskopf occurred January 7, 1861, when he wedded Elizabeth Heuschmit, daughter of Joseph and Agatha (Mueller) Heuschmit, who came to America, in 1852, with their four children,—Frank, Alowis, Anton and Elizabeth. The father died of cholera in the succeeding year, being at the time a resident of Dodge county, Wisconsin. He died in the prime of life, being only fifty-one years of age. The mother passed away in 1868, at the age of seventy-three years. Mrs. Rosskopf was born May 30, 1857. By her marriage to our subject she is the mother of the following-named children: Matilda, wife of Rudolph Neuenschwander, to whom individual reference is made on another page of this volume; Clara, born April 15, 1870, is the wife of Christopher Marr, who is engaged in farming in this county; Adolph, born January 23, 1872; and Joseph, born March 1, 1874. All are still at the parental home, as is also Elizabeth, who was born March 18, 1876.

WILLIAM PLUMHOFF is numbered among the more recent arrivals in Martin county, but is recognized as one of the representative and influential agriculturists. Ger-

many has furnished many worthy citizens to this section of the State, but none are more deserving of mention in this volume than the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

On the 7th of March, 1844, he was born in Hanover, Germany. His father, Frederick Plumhoff, was one of a family of five children, four sons and a daughter, and was born December 25, 1807. His wife died in 1854, when about forty years of age. He survived her almost forty years and was called to his final rest on the 16th of December, 1893. They had five children: Henry, the eldest, born November 10, 1832, married Mrs. Louisa (Zeggel) Hartung, who by her first marriage became the mother of five children,—Amelia, Charles, Emma, Bertha, deceased, and Henry. The only child of the second marriage, Lizzie, has also passed away. Dorathea, born in 1834, was married and died in Germany. Frederick, born in 1838, married Lena Sumner and died June 17, 1894, leaving the following children: George, Frederick, Anna, Louie and Eddie. Sophia, born in 1854, is the wife of Henry Rosenburg and is now living in Martin county. William completes the family. Frederick was the first to come to this country, sailing from the Fatherland in 1866. He made his first location in Cook county, Illinois, and resided there until his removal to Martin county in 1885, at which time he purchased a farm,—continuing its cultivation until his life labors were ended.

In May, 1868, Mr. Plumhoff of this sketch, accompanied by his brother Henry and his father, left Bremen, and after a voyage across the briny deep landed at New York, whence he made his way to Cook county, Illinois. After two weeks, however, he went to Missouri with a railroad crew and there worked for two and a half years, when he returned to Cook county, there spending the succeeding sixteen years of his life. On the 17th of October, 1886, he reached Martin county and has since been identified with its farming interests. He purchased land from the railroad,—320 acres on section 19, Fraser township,—and added to this until he had 447 acres. Upon the place he built a good barn and residence, and prosperity attended his path until June 13, 1892. On that day a cyclone swept over the country, the roof was carried off both barn and house and other damage done so that new buildings had to be erected. He now has a pretty and comfortable residence and barns and outbuildings which in arrangements are models of convenience. All the improvements on the farm have been placed there by the present owner and are indications of his enterprise and progressive spirit. Mr. Plumhoff sold forty acres of his land to his brother-in-law, C. H. Hartung, but still retains possession of 407 acres, and 200 acres are comprised within well-tilled fields. There is a tract of three acres of timber upon the place, and the farm is well stocked with eleven horses, forty head of cattle and a like number of hogs.

On the 21st of May, 1877, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Plumhoff and Miss Amelia Hartung, who was born November 19, 1860, in Illinois, and is a daughter of Henry and Louisa (Zegdel) Hartung. Her father died July 29, 1871, at the age of thirty-seven, and the mother, who was born April 18, 1839, died November 20, 1891. They have but two children: William John, who was born December 11, 1879, and was confirmed at Welcome, March 18, 1894, by Rev. E. G. Eisenberg; and Bertha,

born September 6, 1882. The parents hold membership in the Lutheran Church, Mr. Plumhoff being confirmed in Germany, on Easter day, when fourteen years of age, and his wife at Plum Grove, Illinois, March 29, 1874, by Rev. Richard Kreager.

He is a self-made man, who from an early age has been dependent upon his own resources. He possesses the best characteristics of his race, an untiring industry and perseverance; and that he has prospered follows as the result of steady application and enterprise. His success, which is so well merited, numbers him among the substantial farmers of the county.

J. V. ROLLINS, of the firm of Palmer & Rollins, proprietors of the Winnebago City Foundry and Machine Shops, Winnebago City, Minnesota, is one of the enterprising and progressive business men of the place.

Mr. Rollins was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, March 29, 1857, son of Eliphet and Adaline (Newton) Rollins, both natives of Maine and both of English origin, their respective families being prominent in the Pine Tree State. The Newtons were among the leading citizens of Augusta, where Mrs. Rollins was born. In 1857, soon after the birth of the subject of our sketch, his parents came West to Houston county, Minnesota, and settled near Spring Grove, where the father engaged in farming, being among the early pioneers of that vicinity. Some years later he went to the far West, and died. The mother died in Faribault county, at the age of sixty-five years. The names of their ten children are as follows: Eliphet, Florence E., Joseph V., Ethan, Rufus, Flora, Lydia, Kenland, Putnam and Adelia.

J. V. Rollins spent his early boyhood days on his father's frontier farm, and received his education in the public schools. When he was fifteen he began working on the river and in the woods, rafting and hauling logs. A few years later he entered the employ of Aultmore & Taylor, of Canton, Ohio, and as their expert machinist traveled throughout Minnesota and the Dakotas. He continued on the road until 1887, when he accepted a position in the establishment of Eggabroad & Company, Winnebago City, where he remained three years. At the end of that time he and Mr. Palmer formed their present association, and have been doing a prosperous business ever since.

Mr. Rollins was married November 28, 1888, and has four children,—John Ethan, Joseph, Mary and Helen.

Personally, Mr. Rollins is a man of fine physique. He measures six feet and four inches and weighs two hundred pounds. Of a frank and genial nature, he makes friends wherever he goes, and is as popular as he is well known. Politically, he is independent in his views, and votes for the man rather than the party.

GEO. NEWMAN, in charge of the railroad office at St. James, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, December 25, 1858. His father, Dr. L. W. Newman, was born, reared and educated at Norwich, England. He subsequently became an honored resident of St. Louis, where he followed the practice of medicine many years. The mother of our subject, *nee* Julia Ripley, was born and

reared in New York. She departed this life at the age of forty-three years. They were the parents of two sons: G. R., the subject of this sketch; and William E., who died at the age of two years.

G. R. Newman remained in his native place until twenty years old, attending the public schools, and also spent some time in McKendree College of Illinois. From 1878 to 1880 he was engaged in the mercantile business in Polk county, Oregon; followed the same occupation at New Douglas, Illinois, two years; next removed to Watertown, South Dakota, and found employment on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and in 1890 engaged in work on the Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha road, working on both roads for about six months. Since that time Mr. Newman has had charge of the station at St. James.

At Lebanon, Illinois, in 1880, he was united in marriage with Clara Amos, a native of St. Clair, that State, and a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Knapp) Amos, of English descent. To this union has been born one son, Cecil R.

In his social relations, Mr. Newman is a member of the Masonic Order, Lodge No. 96, and of Chapter No. 2, of South Dakota. He also affiliates with the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 38, of South Dakota, and of the K. of P. of St. James. In political matters he is a stanch Republican.

WILLIAM DUSTIN, for many years an honored citizen of Faribault county, Minnesota, but since 1882 residing in Nebraska, was born in Topsham, Vermont, June 29, 1826, the eleventh of thirteen children. Mr. Dustin's genealogical record, now in his possession,—including the record of Hannah Dustin's parents, Michael Emerson and Hannah Webster, and their family,—reaches back nearly 250 years. William's parents were John K. Dustin and his wife, Sally K., *nee* Thompson. His father was born in Atkinson, New Hampshire, near old historic Haverhill, Massachusetts, in the history of which the first mention is made of the Dustin family. In that old town lived Thomas and Hannah Dustin, William's ancestors of the sixth generation preceding him.

Mrs. Hannah Dustin, above named, and her nurse were captured by the Indians in March, 1697, and taken to an island in the Merrimac river, where they camped for the night. As soon as the Indians were asleep, Mrs. Dustin and her nurse and a boy, who was also a captive, quietly arose and killed all the Indians but one,—eleven in all,—scalped the savages and then took their canoes, and escaped down the river to their homes! But few more daring and successful exploits are related in the history of the old Indian wars than this.

Mr. Dustin obtained his education in the common schools of his native town, and taught a few terms of school, during the winter season, but assisted his father and older brothers on the farm during the summers until the spring of 1847, when he left home for "greener fields," or a more agreeable life,—a mistake, which, he says, has been made by many other farmers' boys as well as himself. Those were the old stage-coach days. The Northern Railroad, from Boston, Massachusetts, had then only reached Franklin, New Hampshire. He says that if the grandmothers in that day had been told that the steam cars would in no very distant time be running over the mountains

of Vermont they would have claimed that their informants were proper subjects for the lunatic asylum. Mr. Dustin reached Boston the second day after leaving home and found employment with Messrs. Tenney Brothers, wholesale dealers in silks, ribbons, laces, etc., and here he remained ten years, and it was here during these years he received a thorough commercial education, which prepared him for the principal business of his subsequent life.

He was married July 31, 1854, to Miss Abby Gay, of East Corinth, Maine. They have had four children, all of whom are now living: William O. and Lewis G., who reside at Elmore, Minnesota; Minnie B., now Mrs. Beaver, who resides at Falls City, Nebraska; and Miss Fannie D., residing at Dustin, in the latter State. Mrs. Dustin has, during her whole life, taken an earnest and intelligent interest in the cause of education and in all religious, philanthropic and reformatory societies and enterprises wherever she has lived.

In the spring of 1857 Mr. Dustin, acting upon Greeley's famous advice, "Go West, young man, go West," came West by railroad, via Detroit and Chicago, to Dunleith, on the Mississippi river. There were no railroads then west of that river. Thence they journeyed by steamboat and stage coach to Burns, a small town, seventeen miles east of La Crosse, Wisconsin, where his brother, M. A. Dustin, resided, engaged in the mercantile business. Here they remained a year.

In the spring of 1858, the subject of this sketch joined an ox train for Minnesota, and after a good many hardships and adventures, sufficiently interesting to be worthy of record, they finally reached Faribault county, where Mr. Dustin located on land, near Winnebago City; and here he remained engaged in farming until 1862.

Mr. Dustin was elected County Treasurer of Faribault county in the fall of 1861, and in March, 1862, removed to Blue Earth City, the county seat, and assumed the duties of his office. He was re-elected to the same office in 1863, for a second term, which he served.

As to his military record, during the war, he says it was not very extensive. At the time of the Indian outbreak in 1862, he enlisted in Captain Wakefield's company of thirty-day men, organized to protect the village and country, and he assisted in building Fort Blue Earth. He was appointed Postmaster at Blue Earth City in 1863 and held the office until 1865. In the fall of 1863, in company with Wesley Hill, and subsequently with other partners, he engaged in the mercantile business at Blue Earth City until the spring of 1882, when he removed to Nebraska, where he had established a branch store a year previous. Mr. Dustin has always been deemed a reliable and strictly honorable merchant. On his removal to Nebraska, he founded the village of Dustin, situated in Holt county, and here he has continued to reside until the present time, engaged in merchandising, but having also business interests at Oakdale, Nebraska, and at Morrill, Kansas. He was appointed Postmaster at Dustin in 1882, and held the office until 1888.

Being well known wherever he has resided to be a man of integrity and well informed as to the public interests, he has filled besides the offices above mentioned many minor offices, both in Minnesota and Nebraska. He was for some years a member of the Board of Education of Blue Earth City School District, and was chairman of the Board of Town-

ship Supervisors of Blue Earth City township for many years, but he has never entertained any special ambition for public office. Mr. Dustin allied himself with the Republican party at its birth and has voted for nearly all its presidential candidates, from Fremont to Harrison. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and is always ready to take an active part in all public, moral and social movements which he believes to be for the public welfare, and contributes liberally to every good cause. Few men are held in higher esteem for their sterling integrity and unselfish patriotism, and their devotion to social and moral improvements of the community in which they lived, and none, to an equal extent, carried away with them the hearty good wishes and warm friendship of all who knew them, than has William Dustin from every community in which he has lived.

WILLIAN OTIS DUSTIN, of Elmore, Faribault county, Minnesota, is a son of William and Abby Dustin, formerly of Minnesota, but now residents of Nebraska. He was born in Melrose, Massachusetts, June 19, 1856, and came with his parents to Minnesota in 1858. He received his education in the graded schools of Blue Earth City, which he attended until nineteen years of age; he was in and about his father's store in Blue Earth City from his childhood, and there learned those correct habits of business taught him by his father, and there acquired that intimate knowledge of every phase of Western store-keeping that formed the guarantees of his future success in that business. He commenced a small business on his own account and managed it well when only a boy twelve years old. When a little over twenty years of age he associated himself with John Emerson, and they proceeded to make up a stock of goods, and, loading several ox teams, started for the Black Hills of Dakota, and were forty-three days on the journey. Locating at Rapid City, they opened up a general store. William remained there, assisting in the business until October, when he returned to Blue Earth City for the winter. He sold his interest in this store the next summer to Mr. Emerson. On his return to Blue Earth City he took up the study of dentistry, under Dr. Hawes, of this place, for several years.

He was married February 19, 1879, to Miss Loretta E. Nichols, of Blue Earth City. They have not been favored with any children. In 1880, accompanied by his wife, he went to Sycamore, Illinois, and pursued his studies in dentistry, under the direction of Dr. O. H. Smith, D. D. S. Then he returned to Blue Earth City and practiced his profession for some time, when, soon after the starting up of the new village of Elmore, in Faribault county, he felt a longing to engage again in the business of merchandising, and he concluded to open a general store, in a small way, in that village. He had not a large stock of goods, nor had he much capital; and the project, in some respects, was quite a venture; but he understood his business. He opened his store in 1882, in a room 16 x 26 feet in size, but, his business growing, he soon had to have an addition to the building.

We have here an illustration of what can be done by a self-reliant young man of industry, energy and good habits, and worthy of the public patronage, because of his fair dealing. Notwithstanding competition, Mr. Dustin's business increased so much that new accommodations had to be provided, and in the spring of 1885 he erected quite a

large building, to which additions have since been made until now his store presents a front of 108 feet, and is 80 feet in depth and two stories in height. His store for some years could properly be designated a department store. He has aimed to supply all the wants of his customers in the way of merchandise, and keeps in stock any and all kinds of goods that money will buy. It is said by those who are qualified to judge that Mr. Dustin is one of the most competent buyers of merchandise in the Northwest. He knows just what and where and when to buy and what he requires for his trade. He is a cash purchaser, and as well-known in business circles as any merchant in Minnesota. It is an old saying that goods well bought are already half sold. He has also given some attention to real-estate investments, and has become the owner of many dwelling-houses in Elmore, and many broad acres of farming lands in the surrounding country.

Mr. Dustin was made a Mason in Blue Earth City Lodge, No. 57, Minnesota, and is now a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar, and has received the thirty-second degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is also a member of the Order of the Mystic Shrine, and he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and Mrs. Dustin is also a member of Zahrah Ladies' Auxiliary of the Shrine. He takes a great interest in Masonry and has attended many of the national convocations of the various branches of the order for some years. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. In politics he has always been a Republican, and was Postmaster at Elmore during President Harrison's administration, but he is not a public-office seeker. He takes an active interest in all public and business enterprises of the community, and gives a helping hand when necessary, and is never so well suited as when he sees public and private improvements and business under successful conditions. J. A. K.

EDWIN BEAMAN KENDALL was born at Belfast, Maine, February 26, 1820, attended the common school of his native place and became, largely through unassisted study, an excellent scholar. When a young man he was employed as a cabinet-maker and fancy-molder at Baltimore, Maryland, and in 1846 went to Philadelphia, where he was united in marriage with Miss Almira Harding, a native of the Pine Tree State, born at Vinal Haven, August 14, 1823. For a number of years he was employed as bookkeeper and overseer in the Utica Steam Cotton Mills, of Utica, New York.

In 1857 he came to Faribault county, Minnesota, and homesteaded 160 acres of land on section 26, Winnebago City township, where he was joined the following year by his wife and family. He immediately began clearing and improving his land, and afterward bought eighty acres on section 7 in the township of Barber. He was an honorable and industrious man, acquired a good property and at his death left his family in good circumstances. Although not a politician, he supported the Republican party, and was for many years a member of the Masonic order. He died suddenly at his home, December 23, 1881.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall had four children, namely: Edwin Franklin, born at Fall River, Massachusetts, April 1, 1849, and now engaged in mining and lumbering in Canada; Henry Edgar, born at Utica, New York, June 3, 1852, deceased in childhood

December 23 following; Lucy Dora, born at Winnebago City, January 2, 1861, married Dr. Scaman, and after his death became the wife of M. O. Tibbits, a banker of Everett, Washington; and Mary Della, born September 2, 1864, is the wife of C. F. Doty, who conducts the home farm.

Mr. Kendall's father lived to be eighty-seven years of age, and his mother 102 years, 4 months and 5 days! Their home was at Belfast, Maine, where they brought up a large family of children, thirteen in number, of whom the subject of the foregoing sketch was the youngest.

BRUNO POPPITZ is one of the leading and influential citizens of Heron Lake, prominent in the business and political history of the place and a progressive and public-spirited man who is actively interested in all enterprises which are calculated to promote the general welfare. He is the president of the Heron Lake Bank, one of the leading moneyed institutions of the county, and is serving as Postmaster, with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

Mr. Poppitz has spent the greater part of his life in Minnesota and has always lived in the West. He was born in Wisconsin on the 10th of February, 1857, and comes of German ancestry of great intellectual worth. His father, Ernest Poppitz, was born in Saxony, Germany, and during the greater part of his life has followed farming, being now one of the successful agriculturists of Augusta, Carter county, Minnesota. That town was named in honor of his wife, Augusta Poppitz. In the family were nine children,—six sons and three daughters. The father is a Democrat in his political views and in his religious belief is a Lutheran, rearing his family in that faith. His success in life is the reward of his own exertions and from a humble position he has worked his way upward to one of affluence.

The gentleman whose name heads this record was a small boy when his parents removed to Carter county, and in the usual manner of farmer lads of that neighborhood he was reared to manhood, lessons of industry and honesty being instilled into his mind by his worthy parents,—lessons which he has never forgotten and which have colored his after life, making him one of the trusted and prosperous business men of his adopted State. He acquired a good education in the public schools and in the St. Paul Business College. His first purchase of land made him owner of a tract of 160 acres, upon which he located and began its improvement. It was at this time that the grasshoppers were such a pest in the West, destroying nearly all the crops, and though he suffered from this misfortune and underwent other hardships he stuck to his work until he secured the deed to his farm. Later he sold this land. Other business interests have occupied his time and claimed his energies. He worked on the railroad for ten months as a section hand for the Milwaukee road, after which he engaged in buying grain for two years. Coming to Heron Lake he was engaged in business for three and a half years, when he turned his attention to the business of loaning money and buying notes, which proved a profitable source of income and demonstrated his ability in financial matters. In the spring of 1893 he was elected president of the Heron Lake Bank and has since served in that capacity. Under his able administration the bank has become one of the leading financial institu-

tions of the county, having the support and confidence of the public in an extensive degree.

In Nobles county, Minnesota, when twenty-three years of age, Mr. Poppitz was united in marriage to Miss Antonia Berrean, of Carver county, this State, and their union was blessed with two children, but Ed died at the age of six years. The other son, Ernest, now fourteen years of age, is still with his parents.

In his political affiliations Mr. Poppitz is a Democrat, warmly advocating the principles of his party. He is now filling the position of Postmaster of Heron Lake and his fidelity to duty is seen in the well-ordered office, where affairs are managed to please the public. Socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In manner he is pleasant and genial, social and affable, and is very favorably regarded by all classes of people. He is an intelligent and enterprising citizen, whose success in business is justly deserved, for it has come to him through energy, industry and perseverance, supplemented by keen discrimination and clear judgment.

LEONARD L. WILCOX is one of the prominent citizens and well-to-do farmers of Faribault county, Minnesota, his post-office address being Winnebago City.

Mr. Wilcox dates his birth in Chittenden county, Vermont, March 16, 1819. He is descended from a family who have long been residents of this country, the Wilcox family having been established in America by three brothers of that name who came here from England and settled in Rhode Island. Joseph Wilcox, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Rhode Island, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Harrisburg, Vermont. He was a veteran of the Revolution. His son, John, the father of Leonard L., was born in Vermont, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Althea Spaulding, a native of Harrisburg and a daughter of Josiah Spaulding, who was born in Connecticut. John and Althea Wilcox had thirteen children, namely: Leonard L., Lewis, Hannah, Laura, Electa, Sophia, Hiram, Alfred, Daniel, Henry, Louisa, Mary and Cyrus. The mother died at the age of seventy-five years, and the father was eighty at the time he passed away. He was a farmer by occupation, and in politics was first a Democrat and afterward an Abolitionist. The mother was a member of the Methodist Church.

Leonard L. Wilcox was reared in his native county, received a fair education, and for some time was successfully engaged in teaching school. In 1849 he came west to Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and after spending one winter there went to Waushara county, same State, where he made his home for sixteen years. From Wisconsin he came to Blue Earth county, Minnesota, where he improved a farm, and where he resided until 1878, at that time locating in Martin county. In 1881 he came to his present location in Winnebago City township, Faribault county. Here he has 210 acres of fine farming land, well improved with comfortable residence, large barn, etc., and here he is successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits.

At the age of twenty-four, Mr. Wilcox married Miss Susanna Southard, a native of Bridgeport, Vermont, and a daughter of Josiah and Clarissa (Lincoln) Southard.

She died in 1878, leaving five children, viz.: Eugene; Eliza, deceased, who was a successful teacher; Ida, a teacher; Albert, deceased; and Irving. December 14, 1881, Mr. Wilcox married Mrs. Jessie Franklin, who was born in Quebec, Canada, daughter of George and Jane (George) Marshall, immigrants to Canada from Cornwall, England. Her first husband, Edmond Franklin, was born in Canada, son of Nathaniel and Jane Franklin, and died February 28, 1876. By him she had five children. Lottie, the first born, is deceased. The others are Coral W., Grace A., Alice and Edmond. Miss Grace and Miss Alice are popular and successful teachers. The only child of Mr. Wilcox's second marriage is named Jessie. Mrs. Wilcox is a Methodist and an active worker in the church and Sabbath-school, she being Superintendent of the Sabbath-school and two of her daughters teachers in the same.

Politically, Mr. Wilcox is a Republican. He has served as Justice of the Peace and also as Supervisor.

CHRISTOPHER TEUFERT, a farmer of Fox Lake township, Martin county, Minnesota, was born April 8, 1851, in Prussia, Germany, and is the son of Charles and Sophia (Berger) Teufert. His paternal grandfather was a manufacturer of wooden shoes. The father died in October, 1878, at the age of fifty-three years, and the mother's death occurred in November, 1893, when she had attained the age of seventy-eight. In their family were the following children: Mary, wife of Adolph Jedeke, deceased, who is living in Illinois. Her children are Millie, Charlie, Christopher, Hermann, Emma, Lizzie, Edwin, William, and John, who is deceased. The next of the family is John, who is married and lives in Pennsylvania. Caroline married August Kennett, a resident of Palatine, Illinois, where he follows carpentering, and she is engaged in the millinery business. Their children are Bertha and Emma. William, a gardener of Niles Centre, Illinois, married Dora Rush, and has eight children. Our subject is the next younger. Dora is the wife of John Hinz, of Cook county, Illinois, a farmer, and their children are Lena, Berta, William, Edwin, Emma, Louisa, Alma, and John, who is deceased.

The parents of this family came with their children to America in 1860, and on the 1st of August of that year located on a farm in Illinois, renting the land in Jefferson township, Cook county, where the father made his home until his death. Our subject left home and began teaming at the age of twenty-six and soon rented a farm, which he operated in his own interest until his removal to Minnesota. In Martin county he rented a farm of H. A. Miller, March 17, 1887, and lived on the place for one year. During the succeeding four years he rented a farm of John Cooper, and in June, 1891, purchased the Miller farm, upon which he moved the following year. He has 160 acres of land, of which 100 acres is in a high state of cultivation, while six acres is planted in the grove.

Mr. Teufert was married in Illinois, March 7, 1878, to Sophia Krueger, daughter of Henry and Eleanor (Knulke) Krueger. Her father, who was born October 31, 1830, died in September, 1855. Her mother, born in October, 1833, is now living in Palatine, Illinois. They both came to America in 1844. Their family embraces the

children here named: Lewis, Mary, Sophie, Henry, and Dora, deceased.

Mrs. Teufert was born May 1, 1850, and by her marriage has become the mother of seven children. Dora, who was born September 24, 1879, and was confirmed at Welcome, by Rev. E. C. Eisenberg, March 18, 1894; August, born October 4, 1880; Christopher, who was born July 24, 1883, and died January 31, 1884; Charlie, born November 23, 1884; Emma, born July 24, 1887; Frank, born September 10, 1891; and Bertha, born February 15, 1894. The parents are both members of the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE RUSSELL MOORE, capitalist and the president of the State Bank of Jackson, is probably the best known citizen of Jackson county. This work would be incomplete without the record of his life, and the history is one of interest, showing what can be accomplished by determined effort and business ability. The measure of man's success is not only the heights he has reached but the level from which he has risen. Mr. Moore began at the lowest round of the ladder of prosperity, but he steadily worked his way upward, overcoming all difficulties and obstacles in his path until he now stands on an eminence that commands the respect and admiration of all.

He comes of sturdy New England ancestors and good old Revolutionary stock. The family are Scotch-Irish and the great-grandfather, Samuel Moore, came to this country with a cargo of salt from county Antrim, Ireland, in early Colonial days and took up his residence in Vermont. The grandfather, Daniel Moore, was born in Caledonia county, that State, followed farming throughout his entire life and died in 1855, at the age of eighty-nine years. He married Susanna Morrison, and her maternal grandfather, John Moore, was a Colonel in the Revolutionary war. At the breaking out of that memorable struggle, he at once entered the service, took part in the battle of Lexington and remained with the army until independence was achieved.

Mr. Moore's great-grandfather, on his mother's side, Abijah Smith, also served in the same battle. Living at Lexington at the time, he ate his breakfast at his own home before starting. When his good wife urged him to eat heartily, he remarked that she did not want him killed with an empty stomach! He served his country until the close of the war and came home safely.

Mr. Moore's father, Samuel Moore, was born in the Green Mountain State, also carried on agricultural pursuits as a means of livelihood, and on the 22d of February, 1841, was united in marriage with Abagail Wyman. Eight children grace this union, and a brief record of them is here given: Josiah Hardy, the eldest, now engaged in farming in Hart township, Winona county, Minnesota; Henry Albert, living on the old Vermont homestead of 107 acres, which was purchase by his father; Catherine, who became the wife of Frank E. Sanderson and died in 1883; Martha, wife of B. H. Johnson, a druggist of Burr Oaks, Kansas; Ella Mary, who makes her home with her brother, George, the next of the family; Judson Samuel, who died at his home in La Crosse, Wisconsin, in 1883; and Lyman Abijah, the youngest of the family, engaged in the commission and brokerage business in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Moore, whose name introduces this

sketch, was born in Barnet township, Caledonia county, Vermont, March 16, 1849, and acquired his education in the public schools of his native State. He left the East in July, 1867, and went to the home of his uncle George J. Bean, in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, aiding him in agricultural labors until the following spring. In May, 1868, he selected a farm on section 20, Wisconsin township, Jackson county, and his uncle then came to this place and paid for the land. This place Mr. Moore farmed for three years, when he secured a farm of his own by locating a homestead on section 26, Enterprise township. This was in 1871, and during the next few years he worked at various employments which would yield him an honest living. In the spring of 1875 he entered the county treasurer's office, where he worked in various capacities for a time, then served for one year as Deputy Treasurer. In the fall of 1878 he was elected Clerk of the County Court and filled that position for eight consecutive years, with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned.

During this time Mr. Moore acted as financial agent for various concerns and individuals and developed a remarkable ability in this line. On his retirement from official life he established a private bank in Jackson and finally merged this into the State Bank of Jackson, which was incorporated in May, 1890, with a paid up capital of $25,000. The original stockholders were George R. Moore, Paul Berge, T. J. Knox, J. W. Cowing, M. B. Hutchinson, G. A. Albertus, A. H. Strong, F. W. Lindsley and Alexander Fiddes. The first three named served as president, vice-president and attorney, respectively, while A. B. Cheadle acted as cashier and O. B. Olson as assistant cashier. The bank first occupied the old frame structure located on the site of the present fine building, into which they moved in the fall of 1893. It is an elegant brick structure, the best business block in Jackson, and was erected specially for the purpose for which it is now used. Mr. Moore has continued to serve as president of the institution, which has become one of the leading financial concerns in this section of the State, and its success is largely due to the conservative yet progressive business methods of him who is at its head.

Mr. Moore has one child, George M., who is now five years of age. Mr. Moore and wife occupy a very pleasant and commodious residence in Jackson, the abode of hospitality, and their friends are legion. He is a self-made man in the truest and best sense of that oft-misused term and through his business career has adhered to principles of honesty and integrity that have made him one of the most honored and respected of men.

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